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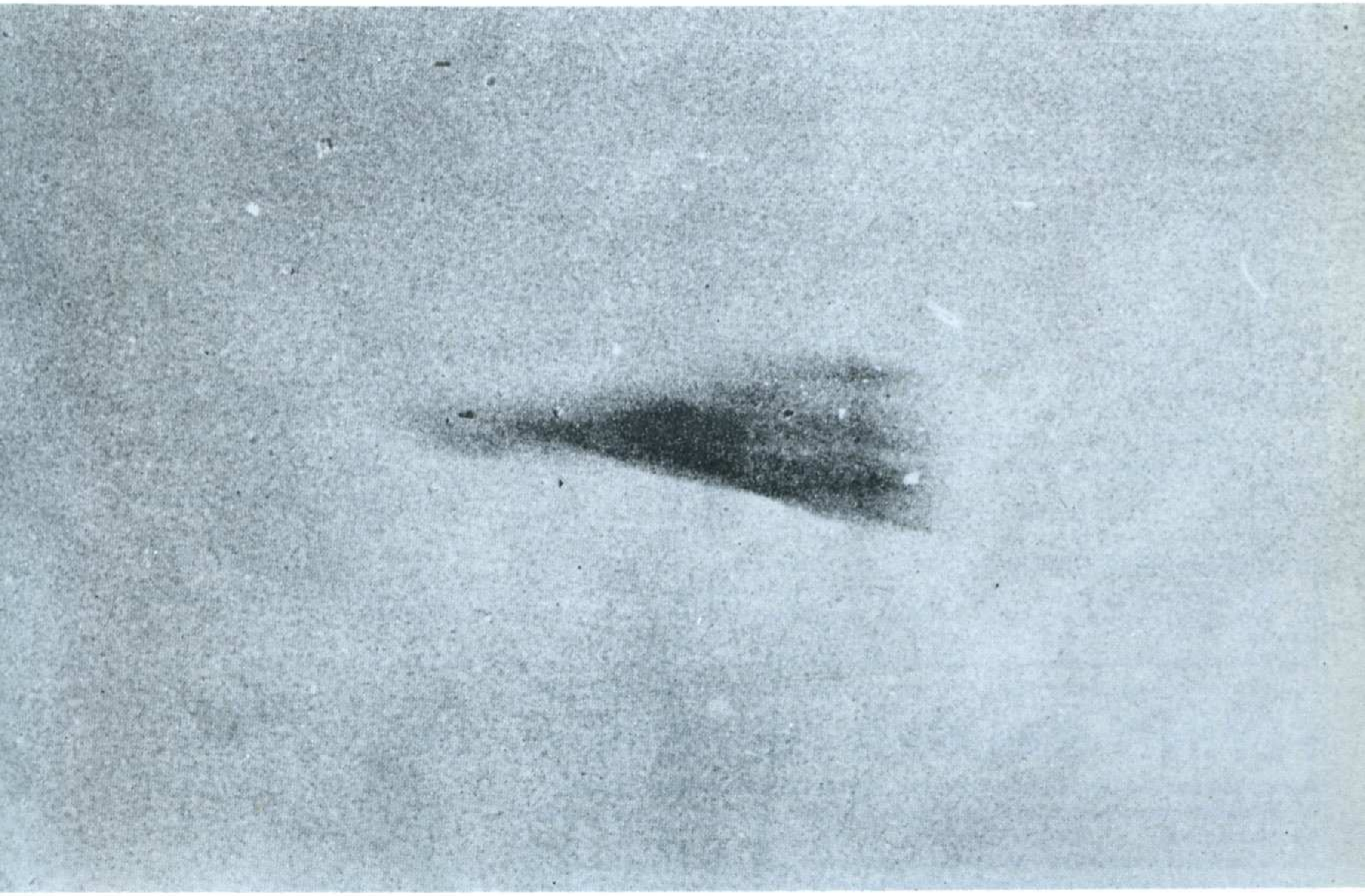

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THE CURSE OF INFLATION

INFLATION presents many problems, not the least of them, as far as we are concerned, being how to keep the price of a small but good quality magazine like ours at a reasonable figure. By that we mean a price that is within the ability to pay of people who want a specialist publication, and secondly, a price that does not rise every few issues.

The teeth of inflation began to bite hard in the latter part of 1973, at the time when we were forced to change printers. With some apprehension as to what might be in store for us we had no option but to apply an increase of 5 pence per copy, so putting the cover price up to 40 pence. Having done that we suddenly found ourselves immersed in a deluge of troubles which included paper price rises together with acute paper shortages, power cuts, three-day-working weeks, aggravating publication delays – from which we are not yet fully recovered. So, almost immediately, a further increase to 50 pence per copy was necessary, a change which was effective from Volume 20, No.2 in 1974.

That was a severe blow for all concerned but, as it turned out, sufficiently severe to damp down the rocking of the boat. Since then we have contrived to hold a cover price of 50 pence for nearly three years. This was due not to some obscure miracle, but to the heartening and continued support of our readers, to careful "husbandry" on our part – for example, by dint of "scraping the bottom of the barrel" we were able to take a chance of buying in advance a large stock of paper before yet another price rise hit us – and by passing on a postage increase in the annual subscription price. Furthermore, our printers – we were their first ever "job" when they set up in business at the worst possible time! – have been very good to us, and finally, we have even managed to absorb recent increases in costs.

Now the crunch has come and, as announced in our last issue, we have had to apply a substantial increase in price. This is because we face a situation in which there is a 20% increase in the price of paper, with more to follow. And that commodity (which includes envelopes as well) has already risen by 100% or more, plate-making by 80%, and postage by some monstrous percentage, since we raised the price to 50 pence in 1974.

So we now have a 70 pence cover price (and subscription price) in place of what was in effect 56 pence per copy to postal subscribers. In other words, an actual rise of 14 pence per copy.

For that, readers will continue to receive what we think is a fine specialist magazine on a subject which has always been unfashionable, and therefore an expensive one in which to indulge oneself. Yet even now the cost every two months is less than the average family pays for its newspapers every week, or less than the casual bookstall shopper pays for a smallish paperback book.

Some readers may wonder why an editorial leader is devoted to this tedious matter. Well, we think it is essential that all readers are put in the picture, that it is demonstrated to them that it is no "cushy" task producing the wherewithal to assuage their appetite for a specialised, but fascinating, topic.

Reports of UFOs are our abiding interest, and this *Flying Saucer Review* of ours must maintain its honoured position, so ensuring that all aspects of this subject are debated, that all reasonable views are aired, and that the news and views continue to reach the right place.

We are grateful to our readers for the continuing support which we know they will give, and we are happy that the signs are that the subject will gain somewhat in respectability, thanks to a more responsible attitude to it in some parts of the press. In which case this journal of ours would be accorded the increasing support it needs, and that despite the curse of inflation.

UFO LANDING AT FENCEHOUSES, COUNTY DURHAM

Close Encounter of the third kind in the North East of England

William D. Muir

THE first intimation that there had been a UFO landing in Co. Durham, with occupants observed, came to me through Ken Phillips of BUFORA. He had received a brief letter giving some details of the incident from the son-in-law of the elderly eye-witness. An interview was arranged, and this is what was revealed...

At 2100 hours on the evening of September 3, 1976, two ladies were walking home from a friend's house in the small colliery village of Fencehouses when they had an amazing experience.

It was a dry, cool evening with a slight breeze. As they walked past a piece of wasteland they saw a very strange object. Both women stopped, then walked towards it. They said that they felt "attracted towards it," and it was disclosed that "It" was an oval shaped object about three feet high and five feet long, standing on chrome or steel runners. The main compartment was glasslike with an orange section on top (see diagram). The whole thing was resting on a mound of earth.

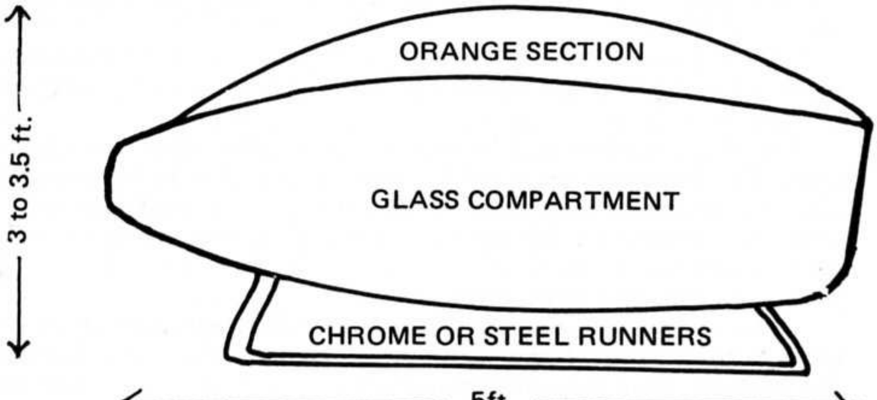
When they reached the object the elderly lady stated that the wind and traffic noise appeared to stop. She then touched the glasslike sides of the object and it felt warm. At this point two strange looking beings appeared inside the glasslike structure. They had long white hair parted down the middle, large eyes and claw-like hands. Both beings appeared to be frightened at the sight of the two ladies. Their size was that of a large doll.

In their turn both ladies became frightened at the appearance of the entities, and they hurried away. Once they had moved away from the object all the normal street noise re appeared. The object then took off at great speed, with a humming noise.

The entire episode only lasted about ten minutes, but it seems that both witnesses were so badly shaken by this encounter that they are unwilling to co-operate any further. The elder of the two is suffering from "nerves" and is being treated by her doctor.

One odd result that is claimed of the encounter is that the elderly lady could not plug her vacuum cleaner into the electric socket the next day. Each time that she tried there seemed to be a force pushing the plug out. In the end she managed to get her daughter to put the plug in for her.

The wasteland is now being reclaimed and built upon.



Diagrammatic sketch of the Fencehouses object

NOTES ON THE FENCEHOUSES REPORT

Jenny Randles

> Our contributor, already well-known to the readers of FSR, is secretary of the Northern UFO Network (NUFON) and a founder, and secretary of the newly-formed UFO Investigators Network.
>
> —EDITOR

IT is unfortunate that the main reporting witness in this case is a lady of 63 who was very frightened by her experience, and wishes no widespread publicity. The 18-year-old eye-witness who was with her has not been traced: John Rouse of Contact, who investigated the case on behalf of NUFON, is respecting the wish for anonymity, and does not disclose the address of the senior witness..

The wasteland area where they were walking on September 3, 1976, when they saw the UFO, has since been levelled for building work. It is also littered with disused mine shafts.

As the two ladies walked towards the object, a somewhat trance-like perambulation during which they were aware of the stopping of the wind and the disappearance of all sounds, they said their watches stopped. These worked normally after the incident. [*It seems odd that, when approaching such a strange device to which they knew they were being "attracted," the witnesses should look at their watches and realise they had stopped* – EDITOR.]

From the description that was given the height of the entities is assumed to be about 1–1½ feet.

The story becomes confused from the time the entities were seen, for the witnesses are not sure what happened to the beings.

It is understood we were only alerted to the fact that this incident had taken place because the older witness wanted to "get it off her chest." Possibly she has since "clammed up" out of fear of the Press getting hold of her story; at the time of writing, however, no publicity has been given to this case.

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UFO OVER SEA CAUSES SURGE OF TIDAL WAVES

A remarkable report of near drowning and paralysis from Togo, West Africa

Joël Mesnard

We are much indebted to the Editor and Consultative Bureau of the *Groupement d'Etude de Phénomènes Aériens* (GEPA)* for their special permission to reproduce this report, which appeared originally in *Phénomènes Spatiaux* No.47 of March 1976. Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton.

MONSIEUR A.W., a Frenchman who was on vacation in [the former French colony of] Togo, [usually known to English readers as Togoland, in West Africa,] claims to have been one of the two eyewitnesses to an extremely interesting UFO phenomenon which occurred on March 29, 1974.

On the evening of March 28 he was with a Togolese lady. Between 11.00 p.m., and 1.00 a.m. in the morning of March 29, they were bathing in the sea at a spot a few kilometres to the east of the large tourist hotel Tropicana, which stands on the shore some two or three kilometres to the east of the town of Lomé. After their bathe, they sat for some time on the sloping beach beneath a grove of coconut trees. The night was very dark, and the sky clear and full of stars.

At 1.45 a.m., just as they were about to return to the hotel, they heard a high-pitched whistling sound, quite painful to the ears, coming from the direction of the sea. Then they beheld a dark object coming in towards them over the water. And, when it was at a distance of some 200 or 300 metres from them, it halted, and hung there, facing them. The spot where they were was dry sand, but suddenly a huge wave struck them.

A "hole" in the sea, and a mini-tidal wave

Their immediate fear was that they would be unable to fight their way back through the water to the beach, but fortunately A.W. was able to get his right arm round one of the coconut trees while holding the African girl in his left. All around them and beneath their feet they now felt the surge of a series of powerful waves lashing the shore, whereas only a moment before the sea had been 50 metres from the slope where they were sitting!

Suddenly three powerful lights appeared on the object and dazzled them. These lights resembled searchlight beams, and were directed at them. From the sides of the machine there were also other beams of light, and possibly from the upper surface too, as well as from the rear side which was hidden from them. Some of the light beams seemed to be projected upwards into the air, although Monsieur A.W. is unable to be categorical on this point, being too much blinded by the three beams directed straight towards the shore. He states that the predominant colour of the light beams was white, but there were also yellow, pink and greenish-blue ones.

A.W. was wearing glasses, which were slightly darkened and corrective, and what struck him most particularly was the blue and green shades on the water illuminated by the beams from the machine. The most interesting detail related by him refers however to the state of the surface of the sea underneath the hovering UFO: the water was not level there, but hollowed out in the form of a basin, which he estimated to be some five metres or maybe even six metres deep. The width of this basin was comparable to the width of the object itself, that is to say in the range of from 25 to 30 metres.

Paralyzed by the beams of light

The two percipients remained where they were, hanging on to the coconut palm, their legs still in the water. But what held him there, paralyzed, was not merely astonishment or fear. In the opinion of A.W. the beams of light had something to do with it. There was also a temperature change, for whereas before the appearance of the UFO the air had been just warm and pleasant, the heat within the beam of light from the projectors was now terrifying. The sweat was pouring from both of them.

Departure of the object

Then, suddenly, the air felt fresher again, and the object was now moving off out to sea, very fast, but still at the same height above the water. Then its lights went out, and it was gone from sight. The sky overhead was black once more, and the sea had regained its normal appearance. According to A.W.'s waterproof watch the time was now 2.05 a.m. The phenomenon had consequently lasted about twenty minutes.

The two eyewitnesses made their way back to the hotel and went their ways. Both of them were still feeling pain in the ears as a result of the whistling note made by the UFO. Monsieur A.W. asked his lady friend to keep the affair to herself and tell nobody of what they had seen. He was afraid he

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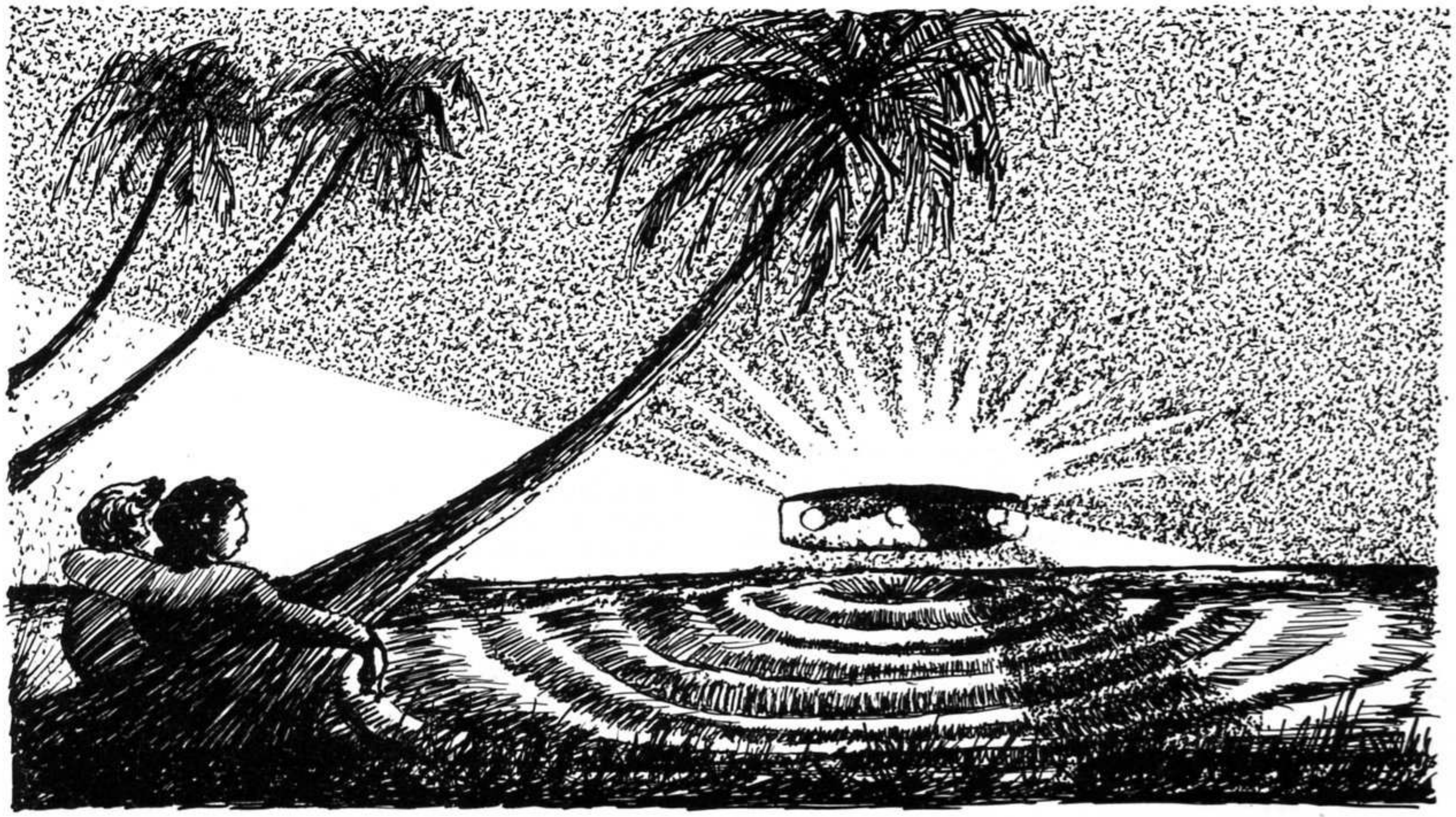

The object and the "basin" in the sea beneath it. (After a sketch by the witness.)

might be taken for a madman and of maybe even being thrown into gaol.

Subsequent effects felt by A.W.

Next morning, A.W. awoke in a dazed condition, with a sensation of "lightness, emptiness." And on the second day he was overcome by an inexplicable sleepiness that caused him to flop on to his bed "like a sack of potatoes." He slept for three hours or so, and then awoke with pains in the head which at once alarmed him. So he went down to the hotel desk, where the receptionist gave him two tablets which soon made him feel better.

In the course of the next few days, he fainted several times, and for a long time continued to feel what he regarded as unquestionably the effects of his strange experience. He is obviously a person of a calm and stable nature, but since that night he has felt very "nervy." He has spells of giddiness and dizziness, and momentarily the impression that he is being suffocated, and has spasms of pain. The condition is gradually improving, but when I met Monsieur A.W., which was almost two years after his UFO sighting, it was still troubling him. We have of course unfortunately no knowledge of what possible long-term effects his Togolese lady friend may have suffered.

Monsieur A.W. is not a man who is particularly interested in the problems evoked by UFO apparitions. However, some time after his adventure in Togoland, he had a further sighting, when he watched a ball of blue fire with a red trail pass overhead near Thionville.

A few months after his Togo experience he told his story in confidence to some friends, and they advised him to report the case to GEPA and they gave him our address, with the result that he sent a pretty detailed account of the affair to us. In February, 1976, I met Monsieur A.W. and his testimony struck me as both sincere and disinterested. In particular I noted that he made no attempt to offer any explanation for the phenomenon that he had observed, and confined himself to giving as objective a description of it as possible.

Distortion of the surface of the sea

Two features in A.W.'s story are of great interest to anyone who attempts to speculate concerning the physical phenomena likely to accompany the apparition of UFOs: these are his account of the "basin" hollowed out in the sea beneath the UFO, and of the surge of the water right up the sloping beach to where he was sitting. Given the conditions in which he found himself, it is not possible for him to give any very precise description of what the "basin" would have looked like in cross-section, or, in particular, of its bottom. But he is at any rate able to give its diameter, which he estimates at thirty metres or thereabouts, corresponding to his estimate of the width of the object itself, which was suspended a few metres – maybe ten metres or so – above the surface of the sea, and he gives his estimate of its depth as in the neighbourhood of five metres. One is led inevitably to compare this with

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UFOs AND MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF ANIMALS

PART 2: UFO SIGHTINGS IN PUERTO RICO

Sebastion Robiou Lamarche

Our contributor, Sr. Robiou, a Puerto-Rican engineer, sent us the illustrations used in Part I of this article. The text, however, has been taken from the Spanish journal *Stendek (Nos. 22 and 23 of December 1975 and May 1976). Translation by Gordon Creighton.**

THE first of the cases with which we will deal took place in January, 1975. The witness failed to give the precise date. Señora A.A. (she wishes to remain anonymous) was asleep in her home in the Garden Hills sector of San Juan when she was suddenly awakened by a strange sound. It was a powerful intermittent hum, accompanied by another constant hum which appeared to be of lower frequency. The electric fan in the bedroom suddenly stopped. Alarmed at this, Sra A.A. took the daughter who was sleeping with her, collected her other child, and they all went to another room and shut themselves in.

A few moments later, the loud hum stopped and the electric fan started up again. Sra A.A. had seen nothing. She had merely heard the hum, which scared her.

A few days later, in the patio of her house, near the swimming pool, her gardener found three strange marks forming a triangle. Around that time she also learned that on the same night when she had heard the weird hum, the family in the house next door had seen an intensely bright light above the palm tree in front of the house. The light itself was not unbearably bright, but it had other lights, green and red, with it and it seemed to have "bright holes" in it. This strange light had remained there for about ten minutes and then moved away and disappeared from view in the west.

This case has been the subject of intensive investigation. The three marks found in the patio were three inches deep and four inches wide, and formed an equilateral triangle with each side measuring 44 inches. Engineer Oscar Hernandez of the Foundation Engineering Laboratories made a profound study on the spot and in his laboratory, covering all aspects of the terrain. As a result of his study, he was able to establish that an average weight of around 14,190 lbs. would have been required to produce such holes on that type of soil. So far, no grass has grown again on the areas where the marks were, despite the fact that no signs of burning were detected there. Likewise no signs of abnormal radioactivity were detected in the area.

The next case was on January 12, 1975, when Señor Pedro Vega Avilés stated that he had seen three objects "brighter than the stars" travelling southwards in a zigzag motion near San Sebastián at about 5.30 a.m.

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Moca

On March 12, when the reports of mysterious deaths of animals at Moca had already begun, a farm worker from Moca named Luis Torres Aldaondo, and his son and daughter-in-law plus eight neighbours, all saw, passing overhead at tree-top height at about 9.30 p.m. "something that looked like a Police screen, of various colours, and spinning like a top." Then it suddenly began to rise as it moved off eastwards. The witnesses said it looked as though made of "shining silver" ... and that it was "bigger than the house." They said they heard "a faint whistling noise." The sighting lasted but a few seconds before the object was lost to sight among the clouds.

On March 21, just a few days after the mysterious killings of goats which we have already described, and when there had already been a dozen or so of similar cases, a party of witnesses, Señor Carlos Santiago and his wife and one of their daughters, were driving in their car when they observed a UFO which passed at great speed and very low over the El Mamey district of Moca. The object appeared to be "incandescent" and was soon out of sight. On March 24, Dr. Juan Sánchez Acevedo, a well known Moca physician and the local president of one of the political parties, was at work in his study at about 12.00 p.m. when he heard a "shaking, juddering" noise as though from something in the air. He described the sound as like a long drawn-out *"ruum"* ... "and stronger than an earthquake". The vibration caused the doors to rattle and his car to shake. Dr. Sánchez Acevedo at once wakened his wife, but by then the noise had moved away and seemed to be fading out. They saw nothing.

Round about the same period in March, three witnesses, Arnaldo Rullán, Carlos Rullán, and Alexis Fernández, reported having found "an area of flattened reeds, circular, as though some heavy flat-shaped object had settled there." And elsewhere in the same town of Moca, at the sports-field, while they were watching a game of soft-ball, three witnesses, Teodoro Quiñones Muñiz, Norberto Méndez, and Jorgo Ramos, saw "a greenish-blue disc descending from the sky". They then saw it perform a sharp turn and move off rapidly towards the east. (The date of these last two happenings have not been established.)

During the days that followed, various witnesses said they had seen a weird bird at various places in

the Metropolitan Area of San Juan, and meanwhile reports were still coming in of strange killings in other towns on Puerto Rico.

San Juan

On March 21 came the first sighting (of the current wave) of a UFO over San Juan, the Capital. It was at 9.30 in the morning, when a group of people walking along in Santurce saw "a saucer-shaped object moving off towards the North, in the direction of Isla Verde." They said it was travelling at the height of an aeroplane, but at a staggering speed, and that it had a dome "which seemed to be metallic."

Three days later, on March 24, near Puerto de Tierra, in the same area of San Juan, two girl secretaries, Antonia Cintrón and Paquita Martínez, were returning to work from lunch at 1.00 p.m. when they saw "a stationary luminous object ... which afterwards began to move slowly, emitting brilliant flashes of light." They added "It was something very strange; not an aeroplane; it seems it must have been what they call a 'flying saucer' because it was oval and silvery coloured."

April 6 is a very important date. This was the date of the first strange case of dead animals in the Metropolitan Area of San Juan itself, i.e. the case of Sr. Bello's ten geese, which we have already described above. And, also on this same date came the first close-sighting of a UFO right in the centre of San Juan.

Disc jockey's encounter

That night, Willie López was working as a disc jockey with Radio Station WBMJ (Radio Rock), located in the Darlington Building at Miramar, when he heard three very loud blows on the outside window behind the controls. (The radio station is on the top floor of the building in question.) Going over to the window, the young López saw a luminous figure in rapid movement which seemed to hide behind one of the external columns of the building. Then, remembering that he was all alone in the studio, he telephoned a friend, José Manuel, who lives in the same multistorey building. However, by 10.45 p.m. his friend had still not arrived, so Willie Lopez, unable to contain his curiosity any longer, went over and opened the window suddenly. And he beheld, right in front of the building, and on top of the adjacent cooling tower, "a luminous white object, or rather a yellowish-white object, saucer-shaped, about forty feet in diameter," and only about three or four feet from the building. In the interview which he gave to the press Willie López said he had noticed it was "making a rocking movement." The UFO itself was stationary, the rocking movement was slight, and the UFO's luminosity was constant. Alarmed, Willie López slammed the window shut, and then instantly stopped the music he had been broadcasting, and told the listeners what he had just experienced. (Some days after this incident, the young disc jockey was still suffering from nervous shock and under treatment with sedatives.)

At 1.50 p.m. (precisely the same time) on Tuesday, April 8, when López was in the studio, along with announcer Raymond Rosado and Rosado's wife, and just as they were about to go on the air with a piece of promotion based on the events that had happened two days previously, they heard the whole air conditioning system of the building start to vibrate. As they described it, "it seemed as though the whole place was about to collapse."

Meanwhile, just as this was happening at the studio, out at Guaynabo, where the radio station's actual transmitters are located, things were also happening. Rafael Pérez, Efraín Camacho, José A. Soto, Wito Castro, and Johnny Acevedo all saw a shining object descend and produce a powerful explosion, as a result of which it seems that the whole district, including the WBKJ (Radio Rock) transmitter, was without electricity for twenty minutes. The object that fell made a crater several feet wide and the ground at the spot remained hot for several days. While the possibility of its having been a meteorite naturally cannot be ruled out, does there not seem to be a strange element of coincidence about this whole business?

Power failure

On April 11 there were sporadic power failures in various parts of San Juan. On the day following, April 12, a group of eyewitnesses saw a UFO "resembling the rotunda on the Capitol" near Paquita's Place, a restaurant in the Piñones district, to the north-west of San Juan. And on April 17, again at Moca, a lady named Wanda Feliciano, and her brother Elly and his companions Félix Cruz and Rosaura Vargas, claim to have seen a UFO. (This date too coincides with the strange deaths of animals in various places.)

Weird creature, animal effect and another mutilation

On April 18, Orlando Franceschi, janitor at the San Lucas Hospital at Ponce, claims to have had a personal encounter "with a horrible monster that he would never be able to forget", right in the back-yard of his own home. Coming out of the bathroom, at 8.00 p.m., he was just about to go to the ice-box for some water when, looking out through the window that gives on to his back-yard he saw what at first he took to be a dog pass by. Astonished, since he knew his own dog was tied up not far from there, he siezed a shovel which was standing near the door and stepped outside. "Arriving round at the back of the house, I saw nothing, but when I came back ... I saw it coming towards me ... it was the same thing that I had seen go past the window; with long ears, a long noise too; the mouth wasn't very visible, but I noticed a slit with no lips, two black blobs which were its eyes, the jawbone of an ape ... and it was walking the way 'zombies' do, swaying from side to side. It was an amazing sight ... I felt it was going to attack me, so then I hit it with the shovel. It was about four feet or so from me ... it was very small, let's say about 4 ft. 8 inches high ... I hit it on the chest with the shovel and the blow sounded a hard one. On feeling the blow from me, it backed away,

but it made no sound ... it moved as though it was floating. I said to myself: 'this is no vision' ... and I hit it a second time with the shovel and again it backed away. When I hit it the third time, I was in a rather uncomfortable position ... I can't explain it exactly, but I fell, as though I hadn't hit him, I fell just because of the weight of the shovel. I tried to get up again, but, I don't know exactly how or why, I was paralyzed ... I don't know if it was through fear ... I had no strength. I felt there was something that wasn't in me. I looked around and the creature was gone. Then my strength came back. There was a zinc sheet in the neighbour's fence between the two houses, and this had been pushed through on to the other side, as though it had escaped through there. I can't of course swear to this, I don't know whether it flew away or whether it just disappeared. While all this was going on, my dog didn't bark even once."

After this episode (transcribed by us here from his original taped statement) Señor Franceschi, who is aged 26, went back into the house, where were his mother, his wife, and his two daughters. Seeing the distraught state he was in, the family at once called the Police, who launched an investigation, the results of which have not been divulged. Franceschi remained under sedation for the next two days. Immediately after the incident, five young men who were returning that same night from the Glenview housing estate said they had seen a "strange dwarf" and pelted it with stones. It is to be noted that a cock was killed that same night and was found near Franceschi's house. It displayed the same characteristic wound as were found on the other dead animals and which we have already described.

A week later, Senor Franceschi started hearing voices which, as he said, "I am absolutely sure were not imaginary." And he went on: "I heard what sounded like somebody speaking to me, and this voice said to me that on Saturday, May 31, all Christians should meet together to pray. I heard the voice repeat this to me seven times. It said that the churches must remain open, so that there would be nobody who had not prayed ... and that if this was not fulfilled even worse things would happen than are happening now."

In fact nothing did happen on Saturday, May 31, though lots of people heeded the exhortation which Señor Franceschi had had published in the newspapers.

Juane Díaz and Cosmo

Let us however return now to previous events. On the day following the Franceschi case, that is to say April 19, Senora Alda Isabel Vázuez de Figueroa and her daughter Camille observed a UFO at Las Corozas, a suburb of Juana Díaz, a town near Ponce. Said the eyewitness: "It was around 10.15 p.m. I was just tidying up, and then I went to get a dress to iron it. I opened the door leading to the patio, and I saw a vivid orange light hanging stationary above the garage. It was quite near, and I stood there quietly, watching. I remained there like a statue for I don't know how long — maybe five minutes — and the light remained in the same spot. The thing was bigger than an automobile wheel ... Then it rose up a bit, quite silently. The body of the thing was very orange and its brightness was enormous. Then it moved away and was concealed behind the mountain, but still leaving the whole area lit up."

On some subsequent date after April 20, which we have not been able to establish precisely, Señora María Socorro Janer and her husband saw an object "shaped like a cupola, with a vivid bright light", when they were travelling by car near the town of Cosmo, not far from where the last case had occurred.

Arson-loo?

On April 29, at 3.30 a.m., Señora Juana Vázquez and her children were awakened by something that lit up their house in Peñones, a suburb of San Germán. One of the most astonished members of the family, Ivan, aged 17, said that they got up and, looking out of the window, saw "a bright object stationary over their lavatory." Señor Vázquez and her children Jennie, Luis, Pastora and Ramonita confirm this.

The UFO was shooting out "flashes of blinding light" which made it impossible for them to make out the precise shape of the object. The lavatory caught fire, and the witnesses heard some "faint sounds." Then came other sounds that were "louder and of higher pitch", and the UFO shot upwards and vanished.

The latrine continued to burn and the fire was put out with the help of the neighbours who came rushing up immediately. One of the neighbours, Rubén Hernández Blas, an agricultural worker, said he had seen the UFO as it was moving away. This case created a great commotion in the whole district and was thoroughly investigated by the Police.

Other residents in the district reported that on that same night they had noticed a great deal of disturbance among their domestic animals, especially the dogs, which had barked furiously. Other reports, unconfirmed, indicate that two cows were found dead at the time, in very mysterious circumstances, right inside the suburb of Peñones.

Cupey

The area of activity seems to have moved, and at 4.30 a.m. on May 4, a Señor R—, residing at Cupey, to the south of the Metropolitan Area of San Juan, "saw a UFO with a big intensely yellow pulsating light on one side (the extreme right from his point of view) and another less vivid light at the other side, plus a row of eight rectangular lights," stationary at a distance of about 1,500 ft. from his suburban home. He at once aroused all his family, who all watched the phenomenon for 45 minutes until they grew weary and went back to bed. The following day they went back to the spot where the UFO had presumably landed and they found an area, some 25 ft. in diameter, which "seemed to be burnt." They observed moreover some strange marks, shaped like feet with only three toes. These were 14 inches long and tapering from a width of 4 inches at the back to 19 inches in front. These marks seemed to be in a straight line, and spaced at intervals of 50 inches.

Along with these marks, the witnesses also found some "scratch marks" on the ground. This case, which received no publicity, was investigated by Electrical Engineer Heriberto Ramos.

Professor's view

May 17 brought two high-altitude sightings. One of them was seen from Las Crobas, Fajardo, by Gustav Zeissic, a Doctor in Astronomy and Professor of Physics at the University of Puerto Rico. Others with him who saw it were Julio Peignand, a professor of Psychology, Luis A. Delgado de León, a sculptor, and José F. Delgado Ramírez, a banker.

Low level UFOs

On the same day, May 17, at 9.30 p.m., came another low-level sighting of a UFO, sighted from two places in the Metropolitan Area of San Juan. At Park Garden in Rio Piedras, Mérida Méndez was in conversation with Georgina and Norma Toro in the back-garden of the two last-named. Norma suddenly saw an object ... "round and yellow and all with a very powerful light," and shouted to her two friends to look. The UFO was stationary at an angle of about 60° of elevation, above a neighbouring house. They noted that the object consisted of three parts, and that the middle part had some "windows" which emitted a brilliant green light. Suddenly, as they watched, the UFO started "to rise, at an angle, rotating as it did so, and making a 'pu-pu-pu' sound." They also saw that as the UFO rose a red light came on inside it.

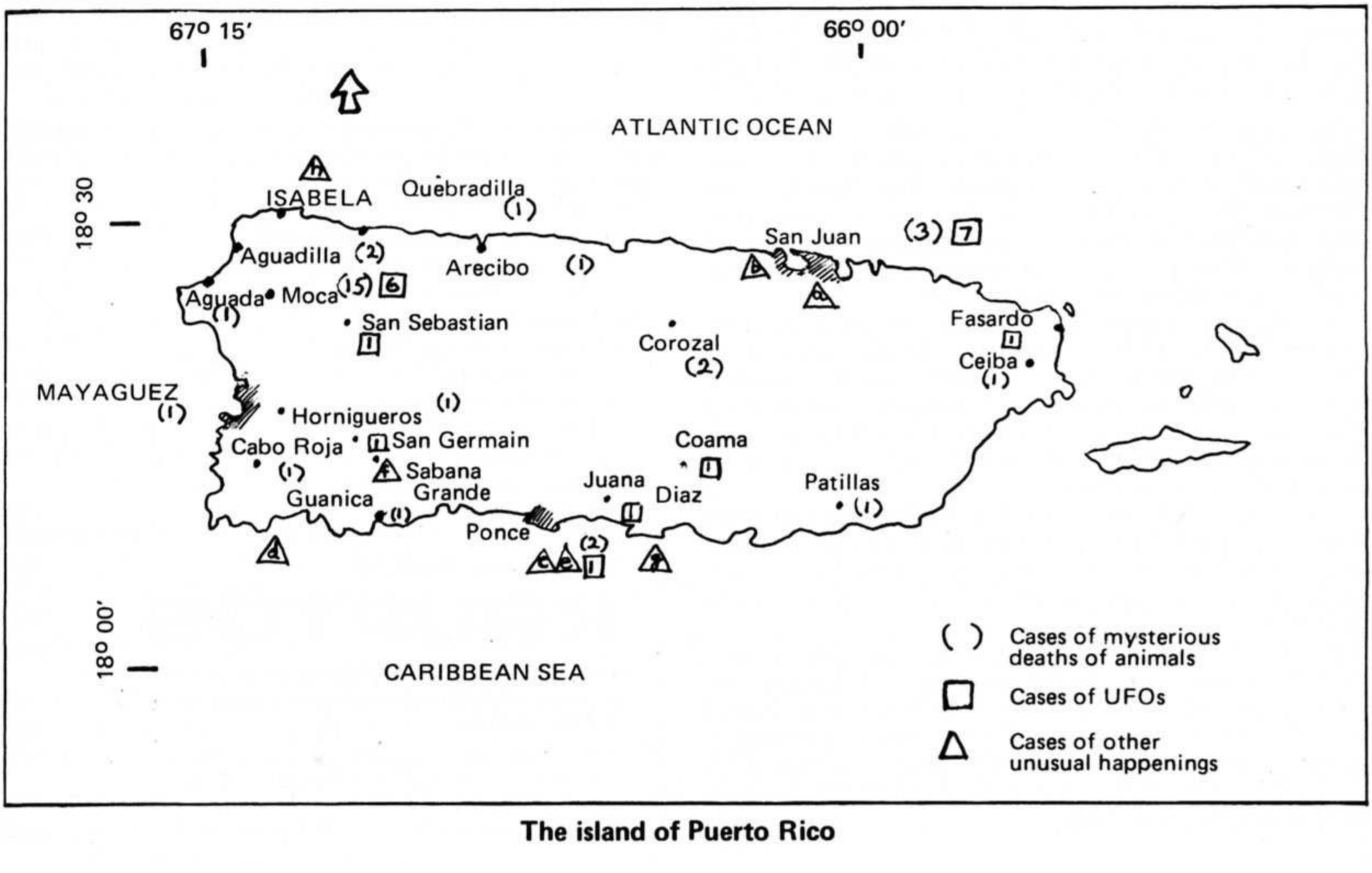
After the UFO had climbed higher in the sky it remained there circling around over the area for some minutes. It then disappeared from sight.

On that same night, May 17, approximately one hour later, a UFO, flying slowly and very low, was seen from the Miramar sector, in the same part of the suburbs of San Juan, by a professional man and his wife who prefer to remain anonymous.

On May 24, at 9.50 p.m., not far from the same area, the Ortiz de Rivero family reported that they too had seen a UFO flying low, "with blinking red light." As it moved off towards the south-west the light then became a vivid white. The witnesses stated that on its central part it had what they described as "elliptical skylights showing a yellow glow."

Pilot's report

After this last sighting, the nature of the reports changes and they now refer generally to UFOs seen at great heights over more distant regions of the island, such as Maricao, San Geraldo, and Cayey-Salinas. On Wednesday, June 18, two commercial air pilots informed the press (anonymously) that they had seen UFOs over Villalba and over the area around San Sebastián. In one case, said one of the pilots, "Some weeks ago, between Barranquitas, Villalba and Ponce, I saw two white lights and one red one stationary in space. The red light was flashing, and the two white ones very brilliant. The time was about 11.00 p.m. The object – or the lights – were towards the northwest, that is to say, nearer to Ponce. Then at one point the UFO started moving up and down, as though simulating impulses, and



The island of Puerto Rico

flashes began coming from the lights." Amazed at what he had seen, this pilot called up the Air Control Centre to ask whether there was any plane or helicopter in the area, but the reply was that there were none.

Remarks and Conclusions

1. Nobody, either privately or officially, has succeeded in establishing the cause of the deaths of the animals. Official Police investigations took place. Also investigations by the Department of Agriculture and by Federal Agencies. The conclusions were ... silence.

2. It is not possible to establish categorically a link between the mystery deaths of animals and the UFO sightings. However, it must be emphasised that both of these phenomena were occurring simultaneously, and practically in the same chronological order, in certain definite geographical zones.

3. The UFO cases started at the beginning of the year. The strange deaths of the animals began to be reported before the end of February. In the town of Moca both the phenomena — UFOs and animal deaths — were occurring simultaneously, and when sightings of UFOs outside the Moca area began to be reported, so too did the strange deaths of animals in other places also begin to be reported. Around the end of July, 1975 came the last cases of strange deaths of animals in Moca, as though a cycle were closing. *Since that date we have no further cases of either phenomena.*

4. We think we can safely say that 1975 has been the peak year so far as Puerto Rico is concerned for the weird and strange. In addition to the UFO phenomena and the strange deaths of animals and a number of reports of sightings of an enormous bird, which we have quoted above, we have also had the undermentioned happenings of a strange nature

a. January 14, 1975, at 2.30 p.m. a mysterious explosion was heard throughout almost the entire Metropolitan area of San Juan. The Puerto Rico National Air Guard (i.e the Air Force) deny that any machine of theirs broke through the sound barrier over the city and caused this spectacular noise. The cause remains unexplained.

b. On that same day, January 14, at 7.30 p.m. Señora Isabel Dávila of the Santa Juanita residential estate at Bayamón claims to have heard a strange moaning noise and to have seen tears of bood gushing from the eyes of an image of the Sacred Heart. This happening received widespread publicity over a period of several weeks.

c. January 23: Señora Dionisia Arteaga reported that on this day her son Radamés saw blood coming from a picture representing The Almighty which hangs in her residence in the Dr Pilá housing complex in Ponce.

d. February 22. A search was called for after a boat failed to return to the town of La Pargüera. Six days later, on February 28, the boat was found drifting in the Canal de la Mona, with everything in complete order, the engine in perfect condition, but both the occupants, two young professional men from the district, missing.

e. March 6. Another strange explosion of unknown origin shook the town of Ponce. It was heard practically all over the town.

f. From the beginning of March reports of fresh "miracles" began to come from the town of Sabana Grande, where there is a Sanctuary for religious pilgrims — due to the fact that on May 25, 1953, the Virgin is alleged to have appeared there. These new reports of "miracle cures" continued over the following weeks.

g. April 1. The press reported that a sailing boat had been found without its crew. The boat had put to sea a few days previously from Guayamar, on the South Coast of Puerto Rico, and the Coast Guard had mounted an energentic search for it.

h. June 20. Some wax remnants on a porcelain plate are allegedly converted into an image of the Virgin del Carmen. This event is reported to have occurred at Isabela, in the home of Arturo González and his wife. According to the report, Father Ignacio and Father Elías, priests of the local Catholic church in the town, accepted the existence of the image as authentic.

5. What is above all evident from all this is that we are seeing what we might term *a new phase of activity by the UFO Phenomenon.* The UFO Phenomenon is now manifesting itself more openly; it is ceasing to be rural, and in many cases it is now a town phenomenon; there are more low-altitude sightings; there are three cases with physical marks left on the ground, one of these being the alleged incendiarism in an outside latrine. The UFO theme is the subject of frank and open discussion in the organs of the press. And, above all, it is now connected in the mind of the public with the killing of animals.

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In conclusion, I must add that the work of compiling this Report has been made possible thanks to the co-operation received by me from:
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YOUNG SWEDISH SCIENTIST'S UNIQUE SERIES OF UFO PICTURES

Sven-Olof Fredrikson

This article first appeared in the Swedish journal *GICOFF Information, issue number 2 of 1974, and a translation of Marie Palmer of GICOFF (Göteborgs Informations Center för Oidentifierade Flygande Föremal), was sent to FSR in December 1976. Many readers will recall that Mr. Fredrikson has been a frequent contributor to FSR since 1970, and we are delighted to receive this new item from him.**

DURING the morning of November 11, 1973 Åke Lejon borrowed a camera from his niece in order to go out and take some photographs. The weather was beautiful and he had intended to take a few good nature photos.

As he was standing in the courtyard of his home in the village of Pänttäjä, he suddenly saw a triangular object flying from NW towards NE. He swung up his camera and took two pictures of the object as it passed. This happened at about 11.10 a.m.

Åke Lejon didn't think over much about the kind of object he had photographed, but shortly afterwards he went to a meadow, about 180 yards SW of the village, where there is a fine view of the beautiful landscape. He took a picture in the direction of the woods, and the little lake below him.

Then, suddenly, he caught sight of a strange object that came floating, so it seemed, about a mile from him. It was now about 11.30. During the following two or three minutes nothing special happened, and Åke Lejon was convinced he was watching a balloon.

Suddenly, though, the "balloon" became oval, and then gradually flattened until it finally resembled an angular "loaf." After that, there was a slight increase in speed, and the "loaf" began to lean forwards and then accelerate even more. (The facts indicate that what Åke probably saw was a round, disc-shaped object that was turning around its own axis,—S-O.F.)

During the observation a triangular object suddenly detached from the disc and made a wide curve below the horizon and then turned upwards in a SSW direction, roughly in the direction he'd first seen the larger object. Meanwhile, the larger object had disappeared among the clouds in the NE.

During the observation Åke took four more pictures: the first one shows the disc- or "loaf"-shaped object. The second shows the triangular object and the last two again show the disc-shaped object. Altogether a series of seven pictures was taken, and not five, as was incorrectly stated in newspaper articles.

Åke Lejon himself has no explanation as to what kind of phenomenon it was he saw and photographed, and facts about the event were not known until journalists in northern Sweden visited him on account of his prosperous hunt for minerals; they were asked if they possibly knew what the pictures represented.

It should be added that the observation that was made outside the village lasted about five minutes, and that the disc-shaped object had a very dark centre, while the rest seemed steel-grey or aluminium-coloured. When it rose a yellowish light could be seen underneath. It seemed to be a solid object. The smaller object seemed more luminous, and had a silvery-white, shining colour.

Comments

As always, when one has observations and pictures from a single witness, one ought to be a little careful with one's comments. As researchers know, it is rather easy to falsify UFO-pictures.

In this case, however, we have made an investigation of the negatives as carefully as possible, and we haven't found anything remarkably wrong about them. It is, consequently, a real object that can be seen on the pictures, but whether this is a real UFO, or an object of some kind that was thrown up in the air, is hard to decide. The negatives have been analysed in A-Kopias laboratory in Gothenburg. More about this analysis further on.

There is, in my opinion, no reason to doubt Åke Lejon's information, but as mentioned earlier, the situation of the observation is such that no unambiguous comments can be made. We leave it to the reader himself to decide the reliability of the report in the light of the information we have gathered.

Concerning Åke Lejon's own report, there was, from the beginning, some uncertainty that has now been removed. He himself was, for example, not quite sure when the first pictures (the triangle) were taken. Later on, though, he remembered having taken these pictures at home in the courtyard.

It is only the first picture of the triangular object that is really interesting. The quality of the pictures is not of the best since the pictures were taken with a simple Instamatic camera and GAF colour-film. This combination doesn't allow for the enlargements to be sufficiently distinct.

The larger object appears as an obscure dark line on the pictures.

Picture No. 5 shows the triangular object but is very indistinct and has, furthermore, just below the UFO in the picture, a sprinkle of some kind of acid.

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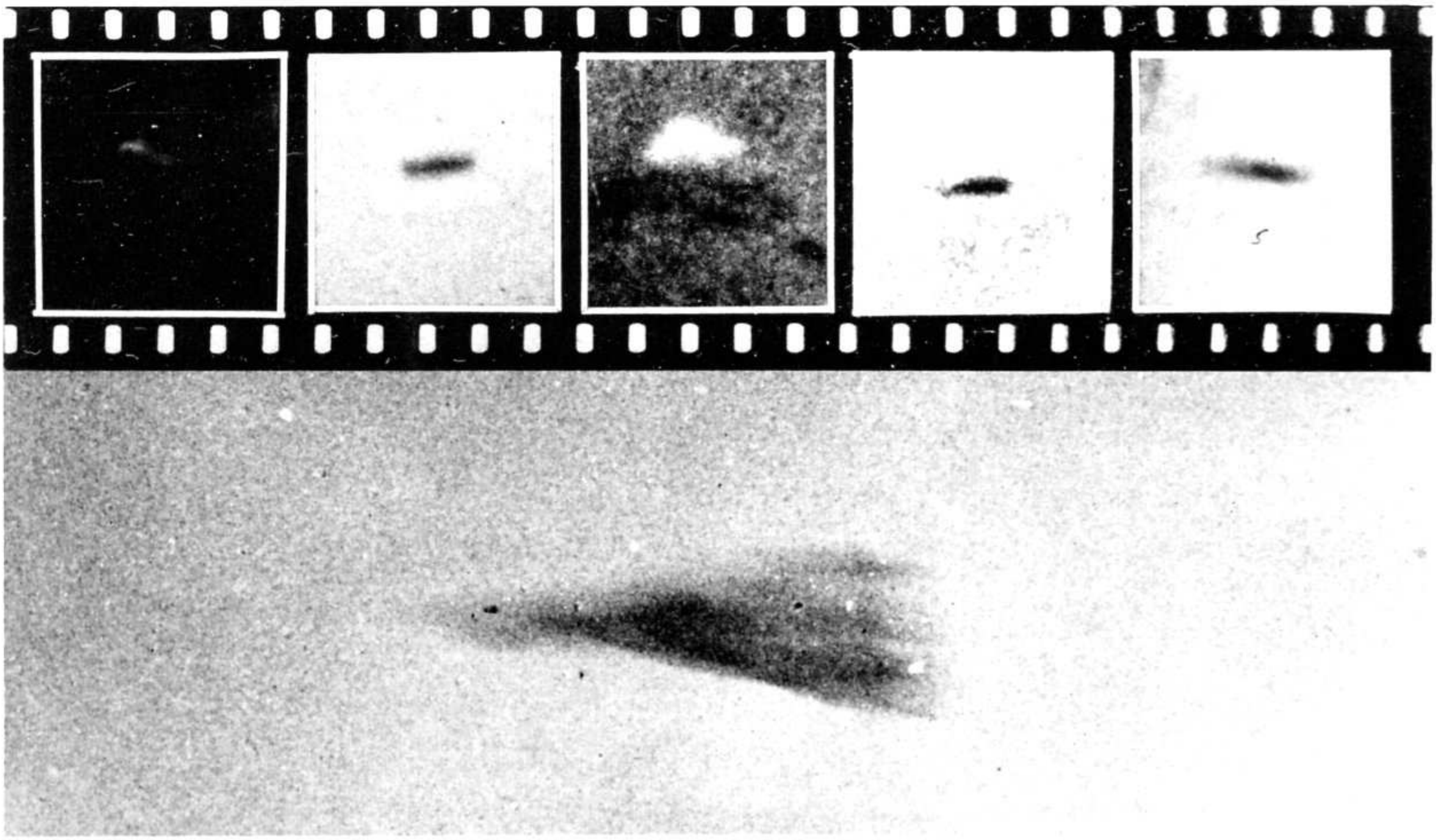


Above, the UFOs in the photographs are shown enlarged and in the sequence in which they were taken. Note that the third picture was just of a landscape and so is not included. Pictures 1 and 2 are of a triangular object; 4 is the balloon-shaped object which came over the sea and floated slowly whilst changing into an oval shape; 5 is the only picture of the triangular object seen to leave the larger object; 6 is another picture of the larger object; 7 shows the larger object going away.

Unfortunately negative No. 2 has also been exposed to the affect of some kind of acid.

Negative No. 6 is completely destroyed. (This probably has something to do with Åke Lejon's investigation of minerals, and doesn't have any decisive importance to the pictures,—S-O.F.) Concerning negative No. 6 there is, fortunately, still a paper-copy left of this picture.

Åke Lejon himself has estimated the size of the object at about 22.5 yards. This estimate, though, was based on a real distance of about a mile, which is very hard to prove as the object never was below the horizon. If the estimate of the distance is correct, the size of the object would have been between 66 and 130 feet in diameter, which can be decided with a simple triangulation. The smaller object, however, was below the horizon, but there is no information about possible distance or size.

Concerning the weather, it was stated to have been very good. Excellent visibility with especially high clouds at an altitude of about 20,000 feet. A few clouds at an altitude of about 8,000–10,000 feet could have existed, in this case clouds of the Lenticular type. The winds were very light and variable. The temperature was about 5–10°C below zero and the ground was covered with snow.

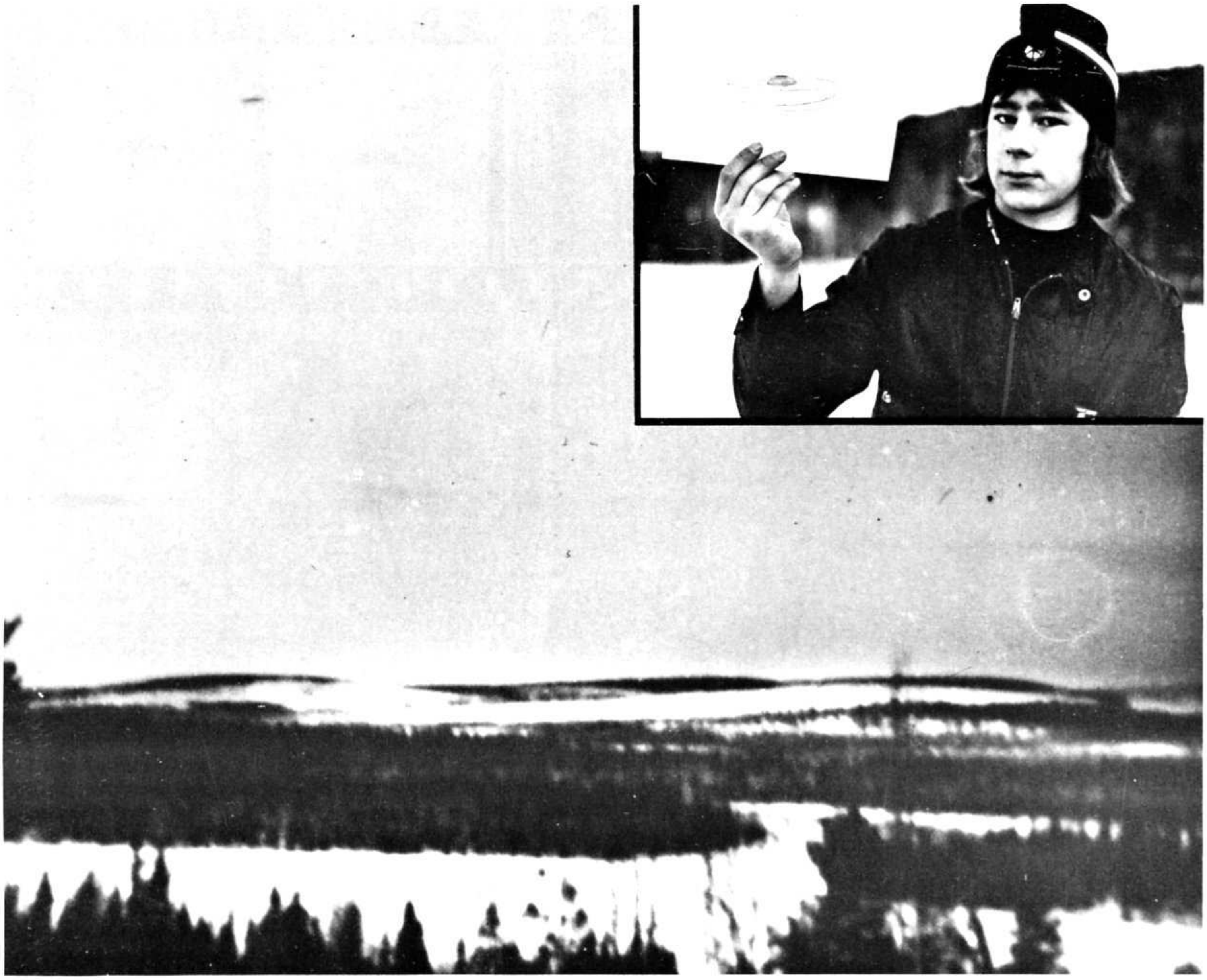
Ake Lejon stated in his report that the larger object disappeared among the clouds and that F21 in Lulea had reported the cloudbank at 2,600 feet. This 2,600 feet was probably correct for Luleå, which is situated south of Overtornea. On the pictures, though, one can see easily that the clouds are not so low. It is more than possible that the object rose very fast to a height where it could no longer be seen.

Furthermore, it must be added that the articles published in the newspapers of northern Sweden are not at all correct. For one thing they have placed the pictures together in the wrong order, and for another, the drawing that Åke Lejon shows is not one of the object that he photographed, but is instead made up from ideas of what it could have looked like.

Authorities' comments

The pictures were given to F21 in Luleå where flying experts looked at them. They actually considered the pictures so interesting that they were sent on to FOA (the Swedish Defence Research Bureau) where they were carefully examined. They didn't come to any credible conclusion, which, considering the quality of the pictures, isn't too strange. Much more strange, however, are the theories that Associate Professor Tage Eriksson of FOA presented.

Associate Professor Eriksson stated that it wasn't possible to say anything about the images in the pictures. Again, he said that it could possibly have been a torn weather-balloon on its way towards



Above: the oval-shaped object (picture 4) is seen in a picturesque setting. Inset, above right: Åke was photographed with a drawing made up from ideas of what the disc-shaped object could have looked like for the Swedish newspapers

the ground. He pointed out that a weather-balloon that is torn can behave very strangely on its way down. It can fall in pieces with its wireless transmitter and other equipment falling down first. It can have so much gas left that it floats through the air, tossed around by the wind and sometimes standing still.

Tage Eriksson added that at FOA they neither have the time nor the economic resources to do a closer investigation of UFO cases.

The first and the last opinion one can understand, but it is remarkable that FOA, after studying the pictures, puts forward such foolish theories as the balloon version. Whatever it was that was photographed it wasn't a balloon.

Photoanalysis by analyst G. J. Bunker

First, let me say that these pictures are sensational.

I have examined many photos in connection with UFOs. Of the American ones there are, no doubt, some that are convincing as far as authenticity is concerned. A handful of others can also be classified among those which are somewhat puzzling.

Åke Lejon's pictures have gone through all sorts of laboratory-tests. Together with the usual methods of investigation I have tested the actual colour-negatives from the point of view of reflection, and material defects. Reflection in this kind of camera-construction can exist, but in these pictures it is quite excluded.

The granular structure has also been examined under a microscope; the negatives have been scrutinized with the utmost care. Certain dust-particles, fragments of skin, slight scratches and friction-discharges have been proved. The emulsion on two of the colour-negatives has been slightly damaged

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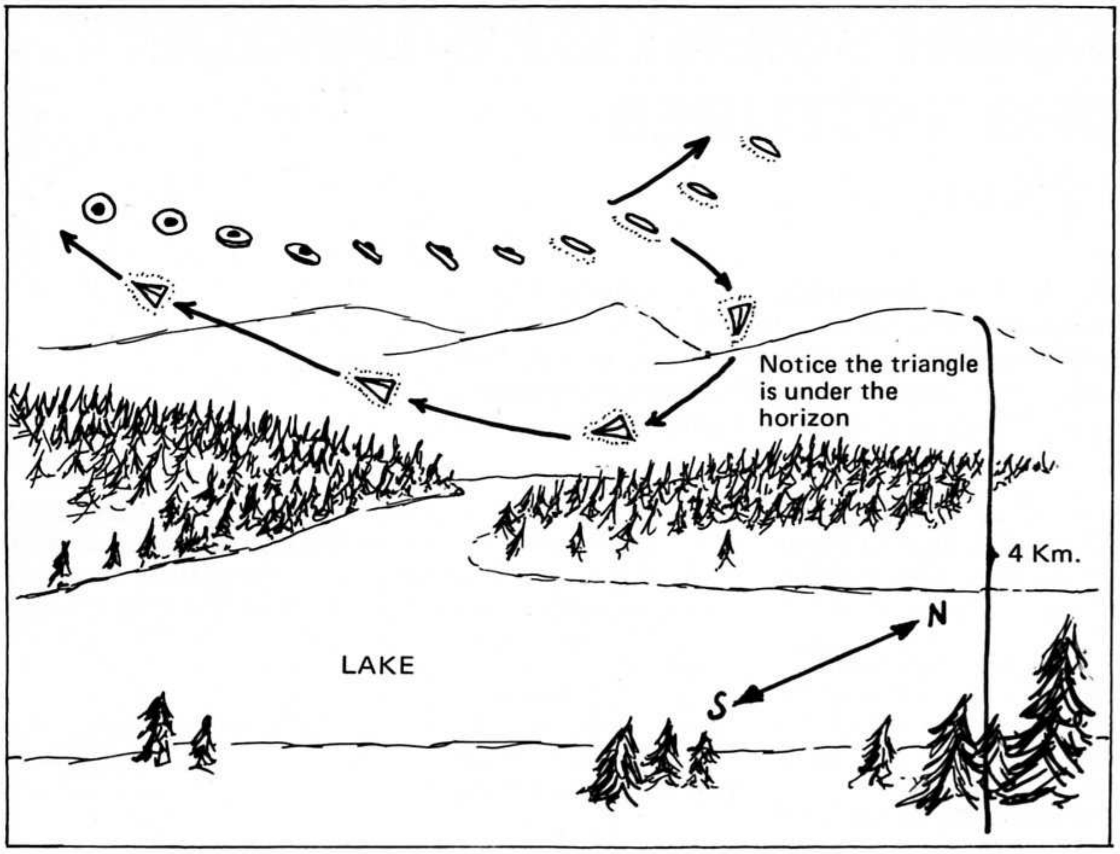
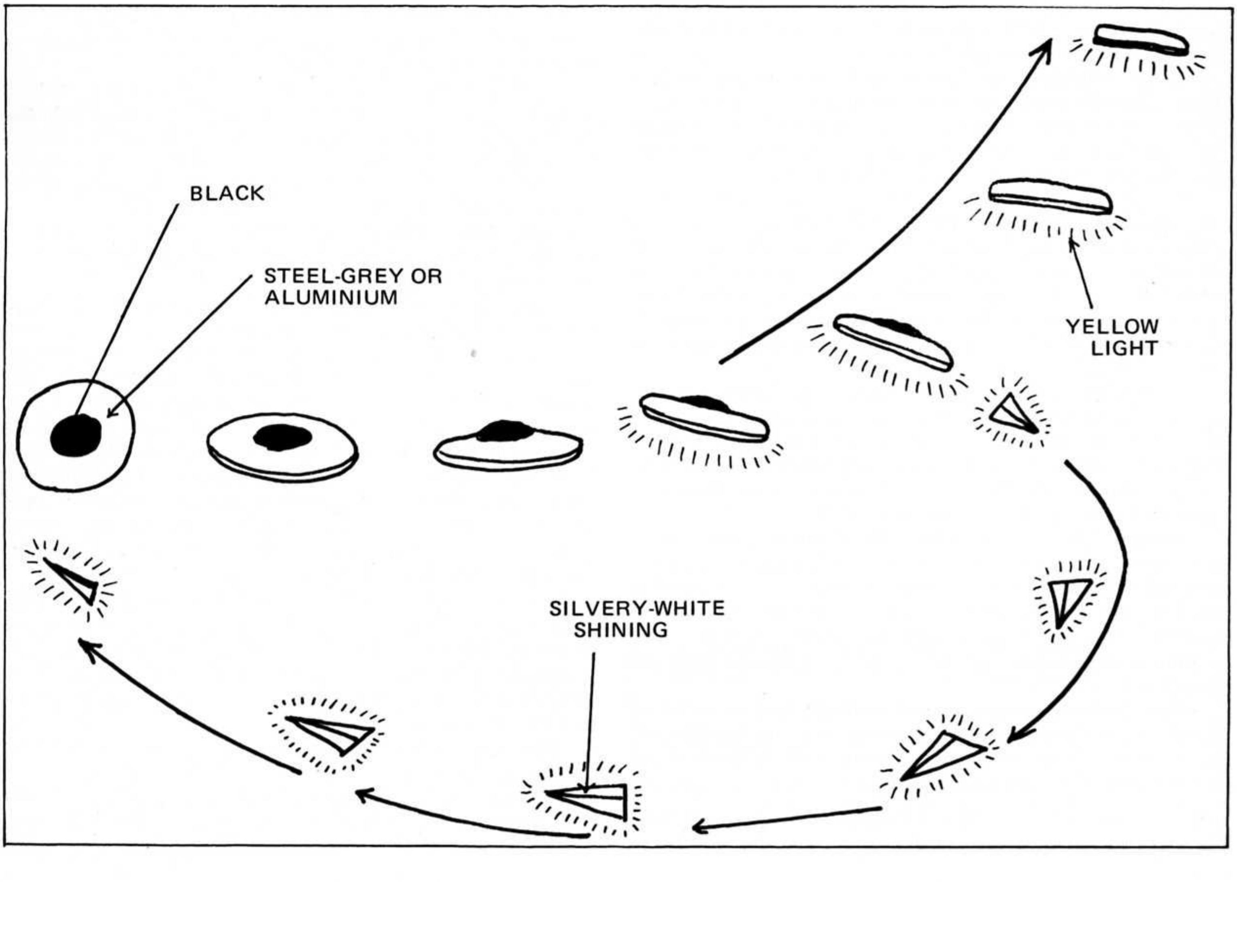


Left:
Drawing based on a sketch by the witness showing the movement of the objects in relation to the landscape.
Below:
Drawing based on a sketch by the witness showing some features noted during observation of the objects.



ITEMS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FLAP, 1909—1910

Paul Norman

WE are aware that the policy of officialdom is to keep UFO reports swept under the carpet. Well, that is where Mrs. E.D. Hunt actually found a sixty-six year old report. Mrs. Hunt sent me the details from Albany, telling me how she discovered the news item.

While she and her husband were taking up old linoleum from a very old office floor in Albany, preparatory to its being renovated, they found many curiosities among old newspapers, together with sheets of early pay-rolls of the P. & O. port men here during the 1870s. However the following report fascinated them, as they belong to the section of the public who desire more intelligent assessments of strange sightings than they are getting. Unfortunately the day and month were torn off. The year was 1910.

Copy of a report in "The West Australian", during 1910

Captain Nelsson of the coastal steamer Wookata, Second Engineer S. Arnold and Helmsman G. Rudd are at a complete loss to explain the meaning of curious lights which they witnessed when the vessel was passing Althorp Island on her way to Port Adelaide, early the other morning. Lights as distinct as the masthead lights of a steamer but high up in the air, were observed by the trio, and the strange thing was that they circled around the Wookata in a tantalising way.

"It was about 1 o'clock," said Captain Nelsson today, that the man at the wheel remarked, 'Do you see these lights flying around?' My reply was, 'Yes, there are a great many more lights about than I have ever seen here.' Just then I saw a mysterious light off Cape Spencer, which disappeared as suddenly as it came into view. Presently, the helmsman said, 'It is strange, but I have seen lights on the port bow, then right ahead, and then on the starboard side'. I stepped inside the wheelhouse, and on coming out again saw two lights just over the starboard bow no distance away, but high up. They seemed to pass us. They were not a steamer's lights. They were as bright as our masthead lights, and as far as I could judge were from 200 to 300 yards distant. They were not high in the air. The lights appeared to be ten yards apart, one a little above the other. I could not make it out. I said to the man at the wheel, 'Did you see them?' He answered, 'Yes, they were like German airships flying around.' I did not know what to think. I feel sure I saw something unusual — something which in my 45 years experience of the sea I have never observed before."

Second Engineer Arnold also declared that he saw the strange lights.

The above account is most interesting. There seems to have been a "down under flap" in the early years of this century, including perhaps the first sighting of humanoids, one of which not only waved (as in Rev. Gill's case) but also shouted. This incident occurred near Waipawawa, New Zealand, on August 3, 1909. A man was almost thrown from his horse when a cigar-shaped object hovered overhead. The man reported three humanlike figures standing on a deck. One of the occupants waved and shouted.

On July 30, 1909, a boat-shaped object was reported by the crew of a dredge near Waikaka Valley, New Zealand. Two occupants were standing looking out of a large window in the craft.

In August, 1909, an object was reported to have appeared over Marlborough Sounds, New Zealand, from which were ejected, downwards, strange missiles making fizzing sounds as they struck the water.

A newspaper man reported a UFO and heard a strange hissing noise as it flew over. The object was cigar-shaped with two wide wings. This sighting was reported August 5, 1909 at Wanganui, New Zealand. During the same year other objects were reported which were saucer-shaped, cigar-shaped and cone-shaped, long before the years when they were reported as flying saucers or UFOs.

Perhaps other sightings of many decades ago would come to light if more people would take note of old newspapers in their attics and other storage spaces.

SWEDISH PHOTOS *(continued from page 14)*

by sprinkles of chemicals, but this has nothing to do with the objects reproduced on the photographs.

The fact remains: the UFOs existed.

I even dare to state that, according to my investigations, it could just as well have been myself who had taken the pictures. Of course, the technical quality leaves a great deal to be desired but one cannot ask more from an inexperienced photographer with simple equipment.

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Points of comparison

Among the comments it is worth mentioning that as late as on October 17, 1973, several school children in Vittangi, not far from the actual place, were shocked by an object that floated over the oce of the Torne River.

Besides, the triangular phenomena are not new to Norrland, as they have already been photographed.

A flying triangle was also chased by a Lansen aeroplane on June 20, 1971.

In the summer of 1970 triangular phenomena were also seen and photographed over Jämtland.

Abroad, in Spain and Jugoslavia, triangles have been photographed, so they aren't exactly news. But one has never seen them come out of a larger, saucer-shaped object.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1933: UFO STOPS FOR "REPAIRS"

John Brent Musgrave

EVEN as late as the mid 1930s, much of the prairie provinces of Canada was still on the frontier of immigrant settlement. Particularly in the northern areas homesteaders were just beginning to open up the land to commerce and agriculture, and such luxuries as telephones, paved roads and electricity were things of the future. The town of Nipawin, Saskatchewan, is situated in the northwest corner of the province and in the 30s was on the edge of this settlement. During the summer of 1933 stories drifted into Nipawin that some homesteaders, as well as a forest tower ranger, had been observing strange lights in the sky and near the ground. Whatever it was, they had been seeing it for the better part of a week. The land to the northwest of Nipawin, near the Tobin Lake area, is made up of rolling hills and low lying marsh. Parts of it had begun to be farmed just a few years earlier, and it was without improvement. Because of the local marsh, most of the townsfolk who heard about the strange lights explained them away as swamp gas – a convenient scape-goat that still gets used today.

Fortunately, not everyone in Nipawin was convinced that the stories were based on nothing more than "hot air": and shortly after midnight that summer night two men and a woman (names known to the author) jumped into a small pick-up truck and drove to the area where the lights were reported to have been seen. They were not disappointed as the glow on the horizon gradually grew brighter as they drove on. After driving as close as the rough trail would allow them, they got out and hiked through the woods in the direction of the glow. They were blocked a quarter of a mile or less from reaching the source of the glow by a strip of muskeg that was too boggy to risk on to in the middle of the night. But it was close enough. From their vantage point they were able to make out that the light came from a large oval-shaped object that was domed at the top and slightly rounded on the bottom. It was supported by legs; and from a central doorway, or hatch, about a dozen figures could be seen going up and down a ladder-like stairway. The occupants appeared to be slightly shorter than the average man, and were all dressed in what appeared to be silver coloured suits or uniforms. All appeared to be wearing helmets or ski caps, and all were busy running around "repairing" the craft.

All about was a strange sort of quiet, even though the occupants were busy scurrying about. Not a sound could be heard. The three witnesses stared in silent amazement at what was going on; no one even thought to speak out. The bright orange glow that emanated from the craft lit up the surrounding area, and the three of them had no difficulty spying on the activities. The light from the craft was not only bright, but had an "unearthly" quality never seen by any of them before and added to the mystery of the scene. After about a half hour the three of them returned to the truck and started back to town hoping to find a way around the muskeg to get a closer look at the strange machine parked in the middle of a marsh miles away from the nearest farmhouse or forest tower. But when they finally did come across a cut-off trail that might take them closer they realized that they didn't have enough gasoline to take them in and out. So they had to return home that night.

It was not until a couple of nights later that they were able to make a return trip out. It was a clear night with almost a full moon, and they hoped to get an even better view. But this night the object was gone. No trace of the glowing craft could be seen from the vantage point of two nights previous, and they returned to the truck to await dawn. They then walked back in across the muskeg to see if any evidence of what they had seen was left. And there was. Six large square imprints that must have been the bases of the legs that supported the craft proved that there indeed had been something there that night. Each imprint was the same size – 2 to 2½ feet square, and approximately 8 to 10 feet apart. The imprints were 2 to 3 inches deep, and reminded the three of them of a kind of mark that would be made by boiler plate stomped into the ground. They could also see markings where the base of the stairway met ground. As if this wasn't remarkable enough, a great burn mark in the centre of the area covered a circle approximately 12 feet in diameter. They looked for footprints but found none though there was some scuffling of the vegetation surrounding the spot where the craft had been.

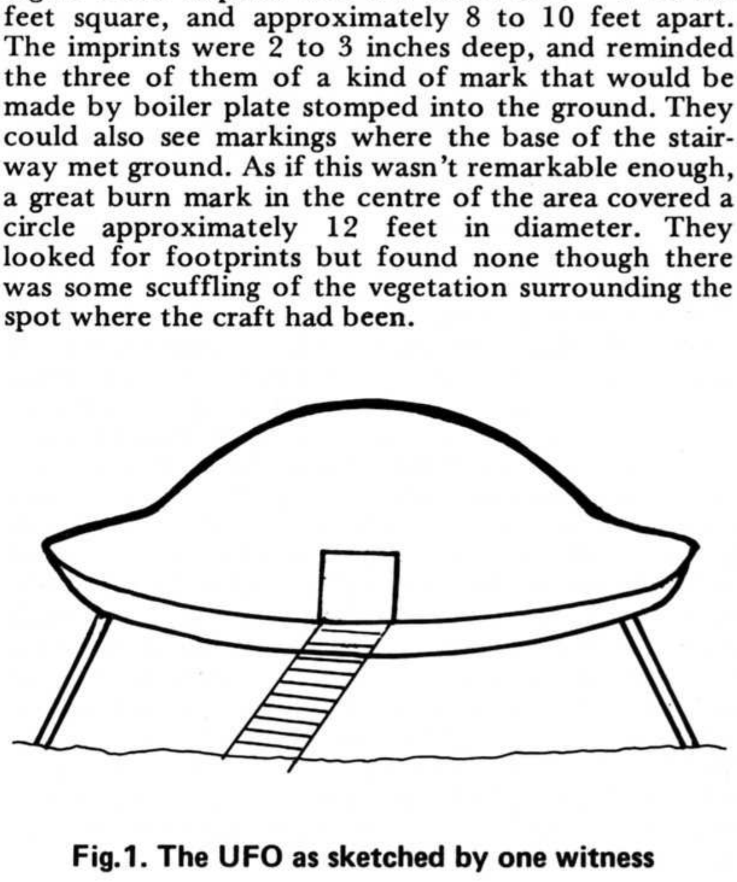

Fig.1. The UFO as sketched by one witness

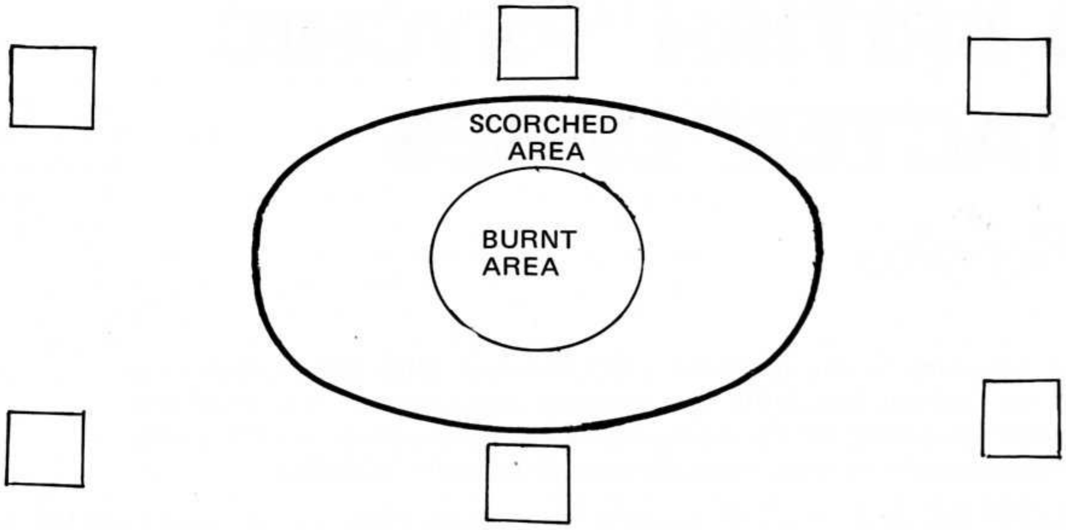

Figure 2. Diagram of burnt area and imprints made by one witness. Outline of prints suggested oval rather than round object

They came better prepared this time. One of the witnesses had brought along a small brownie box camera and took photographs of the burn marks and of the imprints. Later two of them wrote up an article about the whole affair and submitted it, along with copies of the photos, to a number of magazines and newspapers in Canada. But no publication was interested, and those publishers that replied wondered what kind of party they had been to those nights. Like many other UFO witnesses the three of them soon learned to keep their experience to themselves. In the course of the 40 plus years since the incident, the original photographs have been lost by the witness who took them, and who had learned the hard way that they were apparently of no interest to anyone else. Perhaps copies of them are still in existence stored in an attic or sandwiched between vacation shots in some photo album. If they are ever uncovered they may prove to be the earliest photographs of a physical trace case where there were witnesses, and which even had occupants to boot.

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TWO BRITISH "PSYCHIC CONTACTEE" CASES

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FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has often noted the parallel between certain 'psychic' events and the UFO phenomenon. A hardened scientific investigator might be tempted to shy away from such things – until they happen to him, or he finds himself dealing with a case which seems to incontestably demonstrate this synonymity. However, one should not neglect factual evidence because it does not appear to fit a particular pattern, a pattern often set, one must admit, by preconceived notions as to what ufology *should* be all about. In the light of this I present two recent cases from the United Kingdom, which are illustrative of the type of report becoming better known in modern times, and loosely classified as that of the 'psychic contactee.'

I: The Story of Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton is a middle aged housewife who lives in a small, but neat, semi-detached house in the Andersonstown district of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Consequently, she is situated right in the heart of day to day terrorism, murder and rioting which is an unfortunate part of life in modern Belfast. She is married, with three children and an invalided husband. Before her marriage she was a nurse. To all impressions she is an ordinary housewife, not lacking in intelligence, but obviously under some considerable pressure through her personal circumstances.

The investigation of her claims has been carried out thoroughly by Miles Johnston and John Hind of BUFORA's Northern Ireland branch. It has appeared to them, and subsequently to advisors of BUFORA and NUFON, that from the outset Mrs. Hamilton was describing events of a subjective nature. Nevertheless the case merited a complete analysis because of the nature of her claims.

Her first contact experience is said to have occurred in 1969 or 1970, when she saw a 'light' dancing on a toy panda owned by one of her children. About an hour later she claims she was transported from her bedroom into an alien craft by a method she describes as follows:

"Just as if I were actually transformed into a new person. That is the best that I can describe it. Just as if I were lifted from this body into ... a spiritual body."

On board this craft were a number of beings, looking much as we do, claimed Mrs. Hamilton, and apparently representative of all ages and nationalities. They all wore shoulder length hair and bright loose fitting clothes. They spoke in excellent English and gave an impression of absolute purity.

The craft itself was like a huge 'room' with many little rooms leading from it and it had a central staircase and circular furniture. Everything was white and cleaner than a hospital (a natural comparison considering her former vocation).

It seems she was treated with complete civility by the beings, who seemed to know her, and she says she was taken on a guided tour of the craft. Here she was shown the instrument room and the kitchen. In the latter she was taught new cooking methods, which she claims to use with success in her own home. She was able to see out of the craft to the ground below, but it was unlike looking out of an aircraft window. Everything was magnified and appeared close up and she did not seem to look 'down' on the landscape but 'across' at it.

Since this first experience she has been on board their craft many times. The beings also materialise around the house and then disappear. Nobody else sees them, and she says that they are probably not really there but are in fact 'projections' (her own word). She says she has also seen various spacecraft in the air, but on those rare instances when others have seen them they only describe them as 'lights.'

In keeping with many other contactees she claims to have been given assistance. For example, she says that her family have been 'protected,' though it has been impossible to get her to specify how. It is true, however, that although none of the family are working, they are able to live quite comfortably. In addition she says, somewhat ominously:

"They said they would protect me, and I can tell you (that) people who have done anything against me, worse has happened to them."

She appears extremely frightened by this alleged attitude on the part of the entities, although she states she has also been given personal foreknowledge which has helped her husband through difficult times of his illness.

Predictions are another common feature in this type of experience. She claims she is *not* psychic (and has not scored highly in any of the standard tests conducted) but she claims that the beings give her predictions on occasions. Two specific events

which have yet to come to pass are that Princess Anne would have twins, and that Canada would join the European Economic Community in probably 1977 or 1978. If these seemingly unlikely predictions come true then it could indeed be powerful evidence — for something!

Alien beings apparently live among us and occupy many positions of power.* They are said to be trying to influence the course of events in this world, which is populated by criminal rejects from elsewhere who, supposedly, have been sent here for a second chance. One must infer here that the process of reincarnation is universal. The aliens are also said to have selected certain individuals to work through. Mrs. Hamilton is one of these, but there are many others throughout the world. Mrs. Hamilton says they wish to help settle the Irish troubles, and require her to write a book using their various methods to do this, involving trading agreements and border regulations. Fearful of reprisals on her children she has so far declined to do this, but apparently "they" keep on insisting that she does.

When asked where these beings come from she replies "... various planets ... they come from planets we have not discovered yet."

When asked if these planets are in our solar system she says, "I am not sure what you mean ... some of them come from the dark side of the moon, I know that."

She was then asked if these other planets are invisible, and she replied: "No, not invisible. They are so far from us that our telescopes cannot pick them up. There are also people on Venus and Mars."

As for the questions as to how people can live on the moon, or the other 'inhospitable' planets where there are unbreathable atmospheres, she says that the aliens have been trying to show American and Russian scientists how to engineer the body biologically so that spacesuits become unnecessary — but they will not listen. This curious intermingling of the plausible and implausible is again not unusual in such cases.

Mr. Hamilton believes her story, but her children think that she is mad. She claims that she still regularly visits the aliens, but in the year of investigation she failed to get them to provide answers to specific questions posed by the investigators. She says that the beings do not like being made to appear as fools.

The story, and the taped interviews, have been studied by Ivan Jones, a psychologist who specialises in images and memory. He is a member of the BUFORA advisory panel. Some comments from his report are worth noting.

"One thing that comes across very strongly is the way that Mrs. Hamilton is able to answer most of the questions put to her so easily ... I thought it strange that she did not seem at all puzzled by any aspect of her experiences, or to have any doubts as to what they might mean. She was very certain about everything. Mrs. Hamilton does mention early on that she is not religious. This in itself is perhaps unusual for someone living in Northern Ireland (where the current troubles are supposedly based on religious differences). The whole structure of the message she is relating to us as a contactee is in itself of a very religious nature."

In his conclusion he writes: Mrs. Hamilton believes what she says. For her it is all true. Personally I doubt whether she has had contact with extraterrestrial intelligences... Further from this personal opinion I cannot go... The rest could be her own imagination consciously or unconciously building up this complicated explanation to help her deal with her daily life. It would be a useful crutch for her, because she can ascribe anything that happens to her as being due to the interference of her contacts. It removes the responsibility from herself, just like religion does for some people.

Is this the solution? Certainly it seems a valid hypothesis, but Ian Jones does not believe that a definitive statement is possible. So often is one left in this position in a contactee case that one wonders whether a further explanation exists which would also explain the apparent subjectiveness of the experience. Our second example is also relevant to this thesis.

II: The story of Mr. "L"

The details of this particular case can only be outlined in general, as the witness has requested complete anonymity. It must suffice therefore to refer to him as "L", a well respected member of a community in northern England.

Investigation was conducted by an independent researcher, Graham Barker, with the assistance of Trevor Whitaker of BUFORA.

In 1974 L was approached in his bedroom by a humanoid being, about seven feet tall, with ashen grey face, a large head, long face and nose, thin lips sporting a perpetual grin and with eyes similar to those of a cat with narrow pupils. He also had only four digits on each hand. It was stated that the being was not visible for long, and no communication was exchanged.

In early 1976 the same being returned to L's bedroom, with a colleague who was similar in appearance but only six feet tall. The two beings projected a mental picture of a 'U'-shaped piece of tubing about 6 ins. by ¼ inch, which was apparently broken. L, thinking he could possibly mend this, asked to see the craft. He was told to lie flat on the bed in a mummy-like posture, with legs together and toes pointing upwards and forwards. The taller being knelt by the bedside and told L to relax. He then felt a tingling sensation all over his body and felt as if he were being floated off into space.

L says his next recollection was of floating underneath an object he describes as a golden flourescent giant bathtub. He seemed to enter this from underneath and then find himself on a table surrounded by eight of the beings, in pairs. The room was large, and he appeared to be in an anaesthatised condition. He was only just aware of his surroundings, but over-

* [Information also gleaned by 'Peter' in the famous Rhodesian incident of May 31, 1974. See: *Investigation under hypnosis: Contact revealed,* which follows C. van Vlierden: *Escorted by UFOs from Umvuma to Beit Bridge* in FSR Vol.21, No.2 — EDITOR].

head, seemingly examining all his body, was a large eye-shaped piece of equipment coloured red/purple.

L recalls trying to question the beings, but he was chastised. He was told that "an insignificant being, such as a worm, should not ask such questions," and that, "a thousand of your years are but a day to us."

From this point L's memory fades until he is back upon his own bed with the two beings still present. They told him that he would be unable to move for five minutes, and this he found was the case, with the tingling sensation returning. Gradually this wore off and he says he was able to get up. In the meantime the beings had disappeared.

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Whether or not these two instances, and other contact experiences of this type, have any objective reality, is open to question. Perhaps they are in fact simply hallucinations or dreams, for they certainly seem to have that quality. In the case of L the reference to an anaesthetised state may be of some significance. However, one might be tempted to wonder if they are indicative of a subtle control on the subjective instincts of a witness... and if so why?

In considering the whole subject of alleged contact we are faced with a barrage of improbability and inconsistency. There does not appear to be any overall cohesion. Either ALL such cases are of a purely psychological nature, such as mental delusions, or there is a deliberate reason why the phenomenon serves to convey inconsistent information. Eventually one finds that one faces at least the possibility that we are being quite deliberately misled.

Looking back over the long history of UFO manifestations we not only see the recognised fact that these have been interpreted in various ways, according to the current status of the civilisation observing them, but also we find the phenomenon seemingly attempting to perpetuate this myth. The classic example is of course the airship wave of late nineteenth century America, where inventors mysteriously turn up to claim responsibility for the sightings. In retrospect we recognise the total impossibility of their statements, but at the time they reinforced the belief which was then prevalent that the airships were in fact the products of advanced earth technology. In view of this we should feel little conviction that what we are being told now by the phenomenon is in any sense closer to the truth. It seems probable that the phenomenon is seizing upon the most palatable belief, that of extra-terrestrial visitation, and giving us direct 'evidence' of this.

If we look at the whole problem carefully, then we see that the evidence we are given does not in any sense hold together. Keel implies in his books and articles that the phenomenon is playing games with us. Alternatively we might ponder whether or not it is setting us intelligence tests. Maybe we only move one step forwards if we disprove the falsified logic being presented to us, or else use its implications to enhance our own science, such as in the development of airships and eventually spacecraft.

It does not appear to me to be taking too 'giant a leap for mankind' to realise that our contactees may be displaying more and more the attributes of psychics *because* of a subtle form of possession (which is indeed a psychic phenomenon). This possession by the phenomenon may go even further than just witness control. The investigators themselves may in certain circumstances be subjected to the same thing – or, for that matter, the writers of UFO articles.

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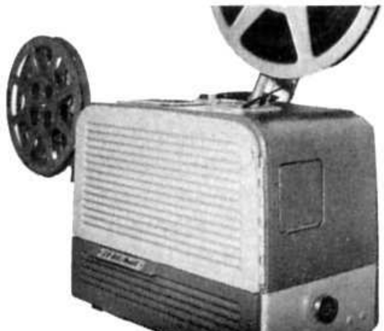

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FIFTY LITTLE GREEN "FROGMEN"

M. Spingler

We are indebted to the Editor of *Lumières dans la Nuit for permission to reproduce this report, which was published in LDLN No. 160 (December 1976). Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton.**

HERE are the details of a remarkable report made by an eyewitness, Dominique Menuge (born 1955), a butcher by trade, residing at "Maisons Ardennaises," Carignan. M. Menuge is interested in the subject of UFOs and has read books about them; he plays football and rides a motorcycle, and appears to be entirely sane and of good character.

It should be noted that this investigation was made with the collaboration of the gendarmerie at Carignan.

The site is on a forest path in slightly marshy meadow land close to the Franco-Belgian frontier. The district, Le Banel, lies between the woods known as *Le bois de Rappes* and *La Fontaine de la Noue des planes* in the Ardennes Forest Region of North-Eastern France.

It was semi-dark at the time of the incident, and the prevailing weather conditions were overcast sky, warm and stormy.

The incident

On Sunday, May 2, 1976, between 9.00 and 9.30 p.m., the eyewitness was driving along in his car, a *Renault R15*, on the road from Matton to L'Etang du Banel. He arrived at the cross-roads where his route intersects the road linking Fontaine de la Noue des Planes with Deux Villes (see Sketch No.1) and was just passing over into the arm leading on to Etang du Banel. Night was coming on, and it was already half-dark, and he had his side-lights on.

Suddenly, just as his car was about ten metres before the left-hand turn-off to Fontaine, he caught sight of about fifty little men in the beam of his lights (at point A) on Map). The little men were quite close, to his left, in the field, which is level with the road. They were green and froglike (see sketch No. 2), standing erect and quite still. Some were facing him, and some in profile.

Although they were green, they did not appear to be wearing overalls. If indeed they were in overalls, then these were tightly fitting. They had long arms hanging down as far as half way down their legs. They had webbed hands. Their legs looked normal, but the feet were also webbed, like the feet of frogs. Their heads appeared to be covered with masks or helmets, with two big red eyes 10 cm. or so in diameter and resembling highway traffic lights. Their height was about 1 metre 15 cm. and their bodies were fairly corpulent. Their eyes emitted no luminous rays or beams, and they were simply standing there stationary, doing nothing.

The creatures did not appear to have seen the witness. They appeared not to be carrying or wearing any objects or any ornaments of any sort, and had nothing in their hands or around them, and there was no machine on the ground or in the air. They made no gestures. What had caught the eyewitness's attention was in fact the "red lights."

Dominique Menuge took fright, and at once turned into the left-hand road, backed his car, and made off again in the direction from which he had come. His engine was functioning perfectly, and so were his side-lights, so that, as he reversed the car he was now able to see (point (B) on Map) yet another little man, who was standing in the bushes on the other side of the cross-roads (and so now on his left). This little man was identical with the others, and likewise stationary. He was only three or four metres from the eyewitness.

Dominique made straight for his brother's house and told him what he had seen. He arrived there with his nerves very badly shaken, and spent an extremely bad night indeed, unable to sleep. He did not notify the Gendarmerie straight away, for fear of being taken for a madman.

He was wearing no watch at the time.

Comment

I learnt of this case through third parties. I sent word to the eyewitness that I would like to hear his own account of it, and he came to see me on May 8, 1976 and told me the whole story. I then asked him to go to the Gendarmerie at Carignan on May 10, to make his statement. On that day he duly appeared there with me and told his story. He did not give the impression that he was "living through the experience again," but rather that of a man simply reciting his memory of past events. He showed no signs of being an excitable type of person, or of being in a state of shock.

We at once set out for the scene of the sighting, together with the Gendarmes. We both went over the whole area with a fine comb, looking for traces, but found nothing: no signs of little men or of craft anywhere in the vicinity. When we arrived at the spot I noticed that he showed no sign of apprehension. I should also mention that two days later I returned to the spot with the Gendarmes (but without the eyewitness) at about 9.15 p.m. We

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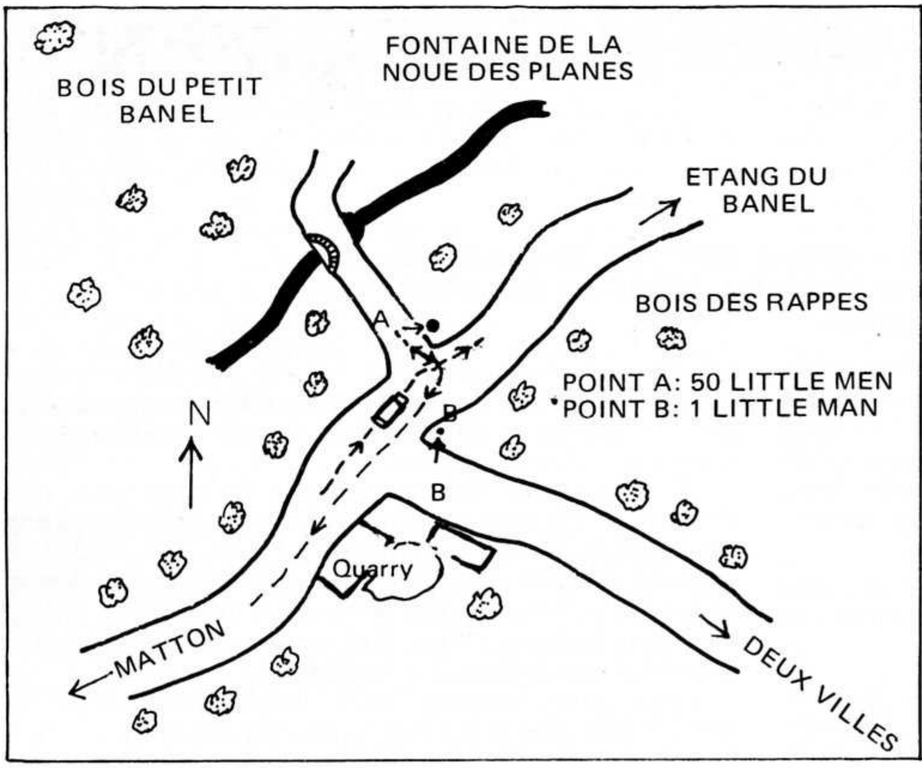
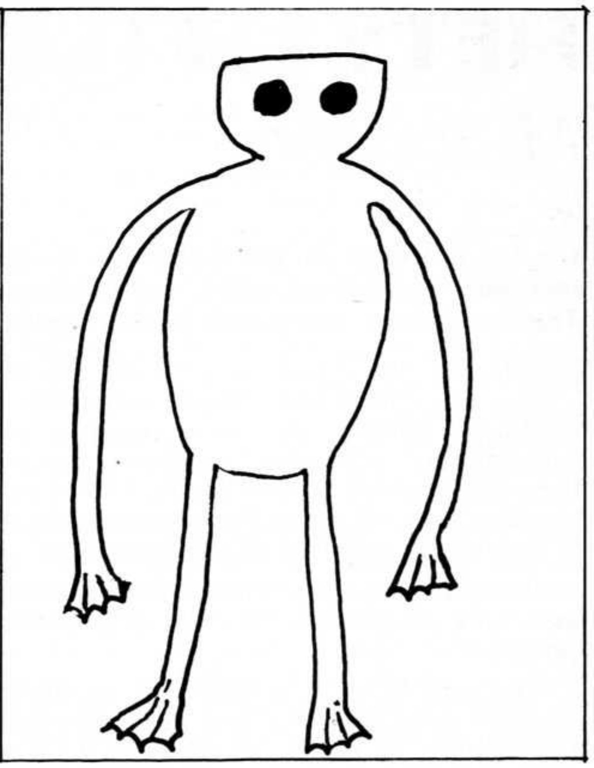


Sketch 1. Map showing the crossroads at Le Banel from where the witness claims he saw fifty "little green men"



Sketch 2. A "frogman"

stationed a vehicle at the precise point on the road where he said his car stood, and we had its side-lights on. It seemed to us that it was difficult under such circumstances for the area where he said the little men had been to be reached by his lights. On this particular point the Gendarmerie remained extremely sceptical, and indeed I myself was too.

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Note by Editor of LDLN: As one reads this account the first hypothesis that comes to mind is that of a hallucinatory phenomenon. Nevertheless, we recall the investigation carried out by Monsieur Bigorne, and published in our other journal, *Vues Nouvelles,* (No. 2 of 1975), on a case in which the prints of webbed feet had been found one morning in fresh snow that had fallen during the night, and they were certainly no hallucination. We are indebted to Monsieur Spingler for sending us this case, which might perhaps have seemed to present little interest had it not been for the fact that we already possessed this other similar case of web-footed prints, thus posing a problem which every honest-minded person must face up to.

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Comment by Gordon Creighton

If I am not much mistaken, there would appear to be quite a number of cases already on record in which percipients have claimed to have seen webbed-footed, and webbed-fingered, beings. It might therefore be unwise to rule out this case on that score. Note, moreover, that the beings were described as *green*!

The sceptics have been making fun, for years past, about "little green men," and most UFO researchers seem only too anxious to join in the laughter. And yet, if again I am not mistaken, there have been, over the years, quite a respectable number of cases in which percipients have flatly claimed that they saw "little green men."

Personally I have never understood precisely why it is that "little green men" should have to be considered more ridiculous than the rest of the UFO scenario, the whole of which is totally absurd by any human standards!

The Gendarmerie, and also the investigator himself, were left with a powerful feeling of scepticism regarding the eyewitness's claim that his side-lights sufficed to illuminate the spots where the little creatures had allegedly stood. May I remind readers however that a constant factor in the whole UFO phenomenon is *light,* and often light that is of a terrifying brightness.

May it not be possible that there was a UFO somewhere near by the field, though not noticed by the witness, and that it was this UFO (or maybe the bodies of the entities themselves, since many reports have described them as "luminous") that made them visible to the passing motorist?

For this story rings at least as true to me as most UFO stories do. I simply don't think it is the sort of tale that your village butcher would choose to concoct. For anyone even slightly acquainted with the whole vast lore of "goblins" and "fairies" I submit that this story bears no evident features of having been invented. I see it rather as altogether "in the main tradition." Read your books of fairy tales. It's all there!

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

A correction

Dear Mr. Bowen, – Thank you for the October issue of FSR (Vol.22, No.3) in which I was delighted to find material from the CUFOS conference, namely the articles by Ted Bloecher, Richard Haines and Al Lawson. Al, by the way, has just joined our informal group of about half a dozen workers in the Humanoid study field. His expertise in the social sciences will be very useful.

My main purpose for sending this letter is to ask you if you will kindly publish a correction in the next convenient issue. In Dr. Haines's article summarizing the conference, my talk is paraphrased incorrectly. He states: "UFO-related abduction cases number over 1000..." My list of *abduction cases* presented at the conference numbered over 50. Richard (or FSR) apparently mixed up some numbers; Ted Bloecher and I have on file in the Humanoid Study Group now more than 1400 specific references to *humanoid cases in general,* and at the time of the conference that number was probably quoted as being over 1000. So you can see it was a serious and misleading error.

Ted has kept me up to date on the exciting BUFORA conference to which he was invited. I have never seen him in such euphoric mood as when he returned from his English journey! I hope we will keep up the co-operation between the U.S. groups and those in the U.K.

Sincerely,
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Lens flares & "experimental" hoaxing

Dear Mr. Bowen,–I should like to assure Dr. Pierre Guérin (Mail Bag, FSR Vol.22, No.3) that it gives no pleasure to the editorial team of MUFOB when *any* UFO journal is misled into printing dubious photographs of alleged UFOs. (And now that MUFOB is litho-printed, allowing half-tone reproduction, our time may come!)

Dr. Guérin doubtless feels, along with some other ufologists, that the publication in our March 1976 issue of the article *Experimental UFO Hoaxing* was intended to dismiss all UFO reports as hoaxes and misinterpretations. This was far from the case, and I would again point out that the hoax was perpetrated by the SIUFOP group (The 'S' stands for 'Society', not 'Surrey'), which has had no connection at any time with MUFOB (which at the time of the hoax was indeed published from Merseyside). When presented with the details of the 'experiment' in late 1975 the MUFOB editors felt that it was in the best interests of ufology that the details of this affair should be made public, and cleared up once and for all. We felt that many valid points had been made about the manner in which UFO reports were presented and analysed; and before publication we assured ourselves that the hoax was not done as a deliberate plot to 'get' at any particular UFO group or journal, and that the motives behind it were serious.

I fear Dr. Guérin is doing MUFOB less than justice if he, by implication, categorises us as 'anti-saucerites'. UFOs are a real experience (though we may argue all night about what 'real' may mean in this context) and to be anti them is as futile as being 'anti-asteroid'!

My own position on UFO photographs I have made clear – I think that they are *all* doubtful, to a greater or lesser degree, and I would certainly not disagree with Dr. Guérin's analysis of the ones to which he refers in his letter. I am however in no way gladdened that this should be so.

Yours sincerely,
John Rimmer,
Editor, MUFOB, 11 Beverley Road
New Malden, Surrey.

We have had a letter from Mr. F. Gheorgiţă and a further letter from Dr. Pierre Guérin (see his letter in the "Mail Bag" column of Vol.22, No.3) on the matter captioned above. The two correspondents maintain their positions, and the matter is closed.

Retraction was published

Dear Sir,–With reference to Hope Alexander's letter in Vol.21, No.6 of FSR and your remarks which follow with regard to non-retraction of the Adamski/bottle cooler business. I too have found it hard to find a reason why the *Evening News* who started the story hadn't retracted, when Frank Nicolson came forward with his evidence – especially as nearly all the other newspapers did including, I recall, the *Daily Mirror* and *Guardian.*

Your Editor's Note prompted me to contact the *Evening News* and their assistant editor Mr. Percy Trumble informed me that in fact *two* retractions had been published in prominent positions on the widely read Letters Page. One of these letters actually is in the hand of Mr. Ken Rogers!

To be fair to the *Evening News,* I think it would be right if you rectified your Editorial Note.

Yours faithfully,
John E. Jones
21 Midhurst Avenue,
Muswell Hill, London N.10.
June 7, 1976.

[*The delay in publishing this letter is regretted* – EDITOR].

The Travis Walton affair

Dear Mr. Bowen,–To finalize Travis Walton's misquotation which appears in your FSR Volume 22, No.2 (1976) page 32, I enclose a xerox of a letter from Dr. Allen Hynek for your perusal.

I hate to suggest that additional space be wasted on this incident, but I do feel that the remarks made by Walton slander GSW's character and that some form of clarification is warranted for your readership.

Respectfully,
William H. Spaulding
Director GSW (Ground Saucer Watch),
13238 N. 7th Drive,
Phoenix, Arizona 85029.

[*The relevant extract from Dr. J.A. Hynek's letter from CUFOS dated November 10, 1976, to Mr. Bill Spaulding is appended...* EDITOR]

"...Quoting out of context...as we can see from the case at hand, only causes misunderstanding.

"It seems to me that the quotation in question – 'I guess I sent the wrong man in on this one' – would be rather out of place since I, in fact, never 'sent you in' in the first place. As you remember, you contacted me before I called you for information on the Walton case. I assumed, I suppose, that you had already, or would be soon, interviewing Walton, but the Center did not commission you to do so. Since the Center did not 'send you in,' it would be quite illogical for me to make such a statement. If I did say something resembling the misquote, it must have been in a different context entirely."

Telemystery by August C. Roberts

Dear Sir,—It is an estraordinary fact that the 'UFO' scene is becoming increasingly bedevilled by mysterious occurrences and apparently paranormal manifestations which often defy rational explanation.

In this category may be cited Uri Geller, Stella Lansing and many others who also claim that there is a link between alien forces which operate the UFOs and their strange experiences.

Such an interpretation has been given to the mysterious reversal of images on a television UFO programme photographed by Mr. August Roberts and published in FSR Vol.21, No.6, by Dr. Berthold Schwarz in the same issue.

However the inexplicable tricks of the practised illusionist often become simple when his modus operandi is understood and I believe that there is a simple explanation to account for the 'Telemystery' of Mr. Roberts.

It appears that the cutter of the photographic film when separating the frames for mounting as slides inadvertently viewed the film from the reverse side and seeing the TV set with knobs on his right, cut the frame to include this apparently normal set not realising that the images were reversed. Unfortunately he was not cutting the film at the correct frame intervals (see diagram). If he had viewed the film from the correct side and cut the frame to include the TV set with knobs again on his right all would have been well. I attach a diagram which should make all this clear. To confirm this, if Mr. Roberts cares to examine the surface of the slide which shows TV image reversed (viewed from this side) he will find the emulsion on this side. Normally the emulsion will be found on the reverse surface of a film slide. Also if he dismantles the slides and puts pieces together in correct order, then turn the strip over he will see his TV set behaving normally and, I would think, heave a sigh of relief.

Yours faithfully,
Geoffrey G. Doel,
MRCS, DMRE, President
BUFORA Ltd.,
Concord, Vaggs Lane, Hordle,
Lymington, Hants.

[*Dr. Doel's letter is one of many we have received in similar vein from readers here and in the United States. I have met Augie Roberts: he is a sincere person who was genuinely puzzled by the "Telemystery"*—EDITOR]

Keeping the record straight

Dear Sir,—Referring to Dr. David M. Jacobs' letter to the Editor in Vol. 22, No.3 of FSR, and his comments on George Adamski, it seems that he is repeating one of the classic errors in circulation regarding this individual. What he says is on a par with the oft-heard remark that Adamski claimed to have met a "blue-eyed, blond spaceman." His description was actually of a man with grey-green eyes and sandy hair. Those who wish to check may turn to page 195 of *Flying Saucers have landed.** Frank Edwards also made this mistake in writing of Adamski, which Jean-René Germain, in *Historia Hors Serie No. 46,* committed the same error, and at least nine others.

Dr. Jacobs says that Adamski was "a very clever and shrewd fellow." It is true that many were struck by the intelligence and the magnetic personality of the man, but to describe him as clever, or interested in personal gain, is totally false, as some of the older readers of FSR can vouch for, after his English tour of 1959. He hardly knew what was in his pocket. To say that George Adamski made much money from his talents is also far from the mark, for in regard to his book, *Flying Saucers Have Landed,* which he co-authored with Desmond Leslie, he did not even wish to claim his share of the payment, and had to be persuaded. How much money does one make from less than half a first book? Not very much, and not so much more from a second book! The third one *Flying Saucers Farewell,* was almost entirely technical and hardly aimed at being a best-seller.

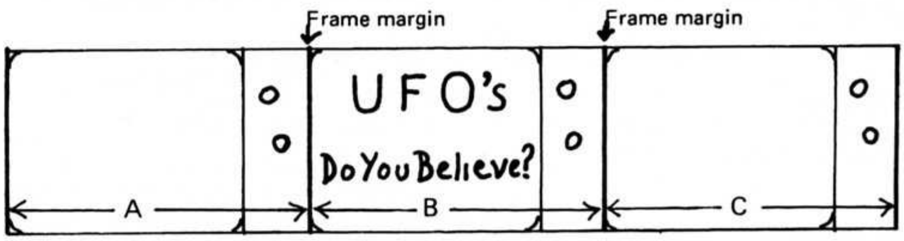
The truth is that Adamski could possibly have made a great deal of money selling, for example, "charms from Venus," or writing a series of books about life on other planets to follow his second book. Again he might have accepted the offers which he received of money for "a ride in a space ship," something which he invariably stated as being out of his control. In his last address at Rochester in 1965, shortly before dying of overwork, on the other hand, he was as usual bluntly against mysticism and wishful thinking, giving a plain warning of not mistaking the fact that physical human beings were coming here in physical space ships.

Perhaps Dr. Jacobs should catch up on a few facts, for if any man had the chance to make money and never used his opportunities, then George Adamski was that man.

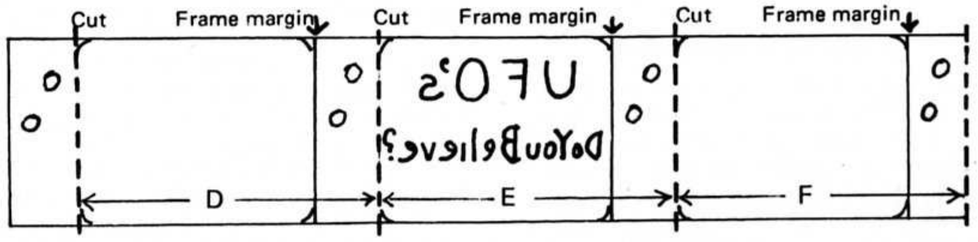
K.W. Flitcroft
Berkenlaan 13, 2610 Wilrijk
Belgium.
November 27, 1976.

Amateurs, or professionals

Dear Mr. Bowen,—Being a scientist myself, having been active as a university engineer on applied research all my life (from 1930—1964), in different Philips Laboratories between other scientists of different disciplines, I feel urged to make some remarks about the article by Mrs. Ann Druffel "In Defence of Amateurs" in FSR, Vol.22/2, because I find it a bit confusing, certainly compared with the ways the different notions at stake are used over here.



Film showing three frames, A, B, C, correctly orientated. Note lower knob offset to right



Film viewed from reverse side before cutting as indicated, showing an apparently normal TV set but in fact showing tube of one frame and control panel of the next

We have two contradistinctions here in the Netherlands: scientist → non-scientist (fantast, etc., any word you like) and amateur → professional. So "amateur" is generally speaking never used as the opposite of "scientist," for these notions do not oppose at all. But the only difference between amateurs and professionals here is that an amateur is not paid for his activities (in any field) and a professional is. See the good example in sports. And an amateur as well as a professional can be a scientist or a non-scientist. For this is just a question of *attitude,* the scientist has only one purpose in mind, that is to *objectivate* the subjects in hand, and the non-scientist doesn't bother.

I don't think it is necessary to add anything to this, the implications are clear. Mohammed Ali is a professional, but no scientist, and professor Hynek is a scientist, but an amateur (as far as I know he is not paid for his UFO-activities)!

Yours sincerely,
A. Cramwinckel,
Chr. de Wetlaan 1,
Hilversum, Netherlands.

Stonehenge and Stonehenge

Dear Sir,—What an astonishing likeness there is between George O'Barski's drawing of the UFO he encountered (FSR Vol. 22, No. 4) and artists' reconstructions of Stonehenge, England, especially the drawing done by Charles Hamilton Smith in 1815* The wierdly long arm of coincidence seems to have stretched a very long way in this instance, considering that the incidents in which George O'Barski was involved took place near "Stonehenge" New Jersey. Could someone be trying to draw our attention to something?

Yours truly,
Pat Austin
292 Walstead Road, Walsall.
January 6, 1977.

* Drawing reproduced in *Earth Magic* by Francis Hitching.

UMMO and AMMA insignia

Dear Mr. Bowen,—With reference to the UMMO affair, FSR Vol.20, No.4 may I draw your attention to pp 36 and 37 of Robert Temple's *The Sirius Mystery* (Sidgwick & Jackson, 1976)* where you will see a symbol which represents the god AMMA whose son NOMMO is described by the Dogon people of Mali as Instructor of the new world.

This symbol is sufficiently like the UMMO symbol as I remembered it to make me look out the a/m issue of FSR. However, I find the UMMO symbol has a bar not shewn on AMMA's Kanaga mask.

Yet even if the similarity of name and symbol is shaky, Instructor of the new world seems to be the UMMO role.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Scott
7 Thrifts Walk, Cambridge.

*[*This book was reviewed for FSR by Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard in Volume 22, No.2 of 1976* — EDITOR]

The Sift entity photograph

Dear Editor,—Regarding the photograph on page 9 of FSR Vol.22, No.1, 1976. The photograph is an enlargement of a section of the photograph above it, and purports to show an "entity" between images of Sift and his wife.

Are you not reading too much into this photograph? Look hard enough and you can see, besides your own entity, vague outlines of two more entities, one above the other with your entity above and slightly to the left (see sketch — sorry I'm such a poor artist).

Some years ago I visited a lady friend in Bournemouth who claimed spiritualistic powers. She would look at a photo of her seventeen year old daughter (still living) and ask me: "Do you not see the face of a dark man in Sonia's (daughter) photo?"

"No" I replied; but my friend assured me that she could see it.

Would it be possible to see a copy of the photo itself as reproduction is not always faithful in detail.

The picture I see, or imagine I see, bears some resemblence to a Cromwellian soldier with his helmet on, or perhaps a U.S. soldier tin hatted.

Reading through copies of your excellent, well-printed magazine (I can go back a number of years), I notice how easily we humans get scared.

Why not show the photo to a spirit medium and see what his or her reaction is?

Thank you for a very interesting series of mags.

Best Wishes for 1977.
F. Spittles
15 Duppas Hill Road,
Croydon, CRO 4BG.
December 31st 1976.

Multiple images?

ETOAIN

The following item is an extract from a postscript to a letter to Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz, who had showed the writer some copies of FSR...

"...incidentally — see the 'mail bag' item (p.iii) of FSR Vol.20, No.6 [*a letter from Dr. J.R. Markette, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Texas — ED*]: ETOAIN are the first six letters of a standard type-setter's keyboard, which along with SHRDLU (the next six), appear in print whenever a typesetter's goof isn't corrected — *he* types ETOAIN SHRDLU to indicate to a proofreader that 'this line is to be re-set' or something of the sort.

"The letters represent, by the way, the first 12 letters of the alphabet in terms of frequency of usage in English."

The letter was signed by Mr. Robert Franklin of The Scarecrow Press, Inc., New Jersey.

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THE LEROY, KANSAS CALFNAPPING HOAX OF 1897

Jerome Clark

SINCE discovering this past September that the famous Alex Hamilton calfnapping case was a piece of fiction concocted by a local liars' club, with Hamilton and *Yates Center Farmer's Advocate* editor Ed F. Hudson the principal inventors, I have received a number of comments from ufologists. Some were addressed to me personally. Others have been circulated by individuals who did not bother to ask me for clarification or further information. Most have suggested in one way or another that the hoax explanation is a hoax itself.

To clarify this issue I am writing this as an open letter to individuals familiar with the new developments in what has been a classic UFO case. (Articles explaining the matter in more detail will appear in *Fate, Fortean Times* and *The APRO Bulletin.*) I believe the following will lay to rest any reasonable doubts about the authenticity of the statements made separately (and over a 33-year period) by Mr. Hudson and Mrs. Shaw.

Several letters have asked me why I did not contact members of the Hamilton family for their reaction. I did just that early in September, shortly after Bob Rickard, editor of England's *Fortean Times* (Post Office Stores, Aldermaston, Berks. RG7 4LJ), sent me a copy of Hudson's statement published in a 1943 *Buffalo Enterprise*. Only one member of the family still lives in Yates Center, Kansas, and that is Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton Linde, the daughter of Wallace Hamilton (another supposed witness) and the granddaughter of Alex. I made a further phone call just this morning and last month mailed a manuscript copy of my *Fate* article "The Great Airship Hoax," which will appear in the February 1977 issue.

Mrs. Linde, a very nice lady who is 72 years old, told me during both interviews that, though the family believed the story to be true, they never believed it to be true very firmly. They never heard either Alex or Wall discuss the incident. They were familiar with the news accounts which would periodically reappear and they enjoyed the story as a "family legend." They knew that Alex Hamilton, who died in 1912, had a "darn good imagination"; on top of that contemporaries of the elder Hamilton had told them that *the story was a hoax concocted by Alex and the newspaper editor.* This happened, of course, several decades ago, when those who best knew the circumstances surrounding the "incident" were still alive. Asked her opinion of the veracity of Hamilton's account of the calfnapping, Mrs. Linde, who seems reluctant to give up her belief in such a charming family legend, said, "I guess it could have been true or it could have been a lie." I asked her if she believes Mrs. Shaw's statement. Her reply: "If she says that's the way it was, that must be the way it was." Referring to modern aircraft and UFOs, she remarked, "What my grandfather told has come true, even if it wasn't a fact at the time. That's what is most interesting."

Mrs. Linde confirmed that Mrs. Shaw, then named Ethel Howard, lived near the now-nonexistent village of Vernon and was a close friend of Nell Hamilton, Alex's daughter.

It is extraordinarily improbable that Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Hudson should have lied about this matter. What could their possible motive be? One correspondent suggests it was to "clear the family name." As my wife comments, "Isn't it kind of late to do that now?" If that were the case, why should it be Mrs. Shaw (with whom Mrs. Linde has no social contact) and the late Mr. Hudson who tried to do this – and not a direct descendent such as Mrs. Linde, who apparently wants to believe in the "incident"? Moreover, what kind of attempt is it to "clear the family name" when its patriarch is revealed as a liar?

A second criticism has it that Alex Hamilton never would have revealed the hoax in front of Ethel Howard (Shaw). Nonsense. First of all, the tale was never meant to be much more than a harmless practical joke and there was no great effort to keep the truth a secret from the locals. The only people who were fooled were outsiders. Furthermore, Ethel Howard was a trusted friend of the Hamilton family and in fact later married Mrs. Linde's uncle.

The time has come for us as UFO researchers to admit that we were fooled by the Hamilton yarn, to learn the necessity of caution from it and to go on to deal with the many genuinely puzzling, genuinely unexplained aspects of the UFO mystery. If it is remembered at all, the LeRoy, Kansas, calfnapping should be recalled as a first rate modern fairy tale.
Lake Bluff, Illinois.
– November 19, 1976.

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SOME RECENT SPANISH REPORTS

Translated and edited by Gordon Creighton.

WE are much indebted to Sr. Ignacio Darnaude Rojas-Marcos of Sevilla for a great number of xerox copies of reports of recent cases in Spain. I give a resume translation of the most interesting of these.

1. Pollos, Province of Valladolid (N. Central Spain) *(August 22, 1975):* A vivid red UFO shaped like a rugby ball was seen by a number of witnesses hovering over a local cemetery at 9.45 p.m.

Julio Hernández and his girl friend Begoña Macías (their ages 24 and 21 respectively) were driving from Pollos to Castrouño when they saw a huge red thing, shaped like a vertical rugby football, approaching. It passed right over, at only about four metres from their car roof. The girl was terrified. Her companion, while trying to calm her, watched the object swing away and then make a second pass at them, swooping overhead once more. (Meanwhile their engine had not given out.)

They returned into Pollos and got a man named Mariano "El Colorao" to go back with them to see the UFO, and this time they found it stationary over a mound in the local cemetery. Very shaken, all three repaired to a local bar. Other witnesses were found by the Charles Fort Group when investigating, and some of these said that when they had gone home at 3.00 a.m. the object was still over the cemetery.

All described it as like a vertical rugby ball or egg. The colour on one of its sides was of a vivid, almost incandescent red, while the other side was a paler, more yellowish red. The object was rotating on its axis, and from time to time projecting a beam of vivid white light on to the ground. Julio Hernández said the UFO had three projectors, one on top and two below, and that it was from these that the vivid white light came which lit up the ground. They said they experienced no discomfort in the eyes when looking at either the UFO or the projected white beam of light. All witnesses said that when stationary over the cemetery the UFO looked far bigger than the apparent size of the full Moon. The night was clear with good visibility. There is a power-line near by, and the River Duero is about one kilometre distant. There is a big dam (el embalse de San José) at a distance of some 20–25 km., near the town of Castrouño.

2. Valladolid area (N. Central Spain) *(November 16, 1975):* A priest, who has asked that his name be not divulged, had been to visit a sick person at about 3.00 o'clock in the morning. Driving home, between the towns of Bocos and Curiel, at a place called Vale del Cuco, he was immensely shaken by the sight of a huge ellipsoidal reddish object... "much bigger than the full Moon." It was at a distance which he estimated at between one and 1½ km. to the left of the highway, and lower than the peaks of the nearby mountain range. He tried to turn his car round and drive back to the last town, but after moving it a little he found the engine died suddenly, leaving the car partly in the ditch. He was quite unable to get it going again. His lights seem to have remained unaffected.

The members of the Charles Fort Investigation Group at Valladolid, who questioned the priest, found him at first very unwilling to talk at all about the affair, and they think that there are still details which they failed to extract from him. He said the object was stationary the whole time until its departure, when it vanished very rapidly.

Unable to shift his car or start it up, he said he turned off the lights and walked two km. to the next village to get help. A man from there returned with him to the car, got it out of the ditch, and they found the engine started up with no trouble.

The priest has the reputation of being a very stable and solid sort of person, not easily alarmed, but when questioning the villagers the Charles Fort Group were told that he had been a very scared man indeed when he walked into their village to ask for help.

3. Valladolid area *(Mid-December 1975):* Two people, who have also asked for complete anonymity, were driving at 7.00 p.m. along the road from Castrouno to Pollos when they encountered, near the bridge over the river Trabancos, a vivid white transparent light shining down on the road in front of them. They were unable to see the source of the light. The car engine failed, but the lights remained on.

They remained there for a few seconds observing it, and then the light moved off towards their left. The engine now started up with no difficulty. They drove up the track to a nearby farmhouse to ask if the people there had seen the phenomenon or knew anything about it, and the farmer told them that his son had seen something very similar a few days previously.

They said the width of the light was about three-quarters the width of the road.

Investigating this case, the Charles Fort Group discovered that there were quite a number of other cases in surrounding villages.

4. Manuera, Province of Navarra, Northern Spain *(February 25, 1976):* The newspaper *La Voz de Galicia* (February 27, 1976) quoted a report from the Bilbao paper *La Gaceta del Norte* that a UFO had landed two days previously at Mañeru in Navarre Province, and left marks. Five children from Mañeru were playing on a nearby hill at about 4.00 p.m. when they saw it land in a field of barley. They said it had a transparent cupola on top and was a disc of metallic appearance and some eight to ten metres wide.

From the machine, according to the children, there emerged a being more than 2 metres 30 in height. The being took a few paces in the field and then returned to the disc. He was dressed in a sort of black overall from head to feet.

The report stated that the representative of the *Gaceta del Norte* found five big footprints in the field, and that these prints were over 40 cm. long.

This case was also investigated by the Charles Fort Group of Valladolid.

5. Valmaseda, near Bilbao, Northern Spain *(June 3, 1976):* According to the newspaper *ABC* of June 6, 1976, (Sevillan edition) numerous people of Valmaseda saw four UFOs between 11.00 p.m. on June 3 and 2.00 a.m. on June 4.

The paper recalled that, on the night of November 3/4 of 1975, a UFO had been stationary over the same town, Valmaseda, for more than four hours.

6. Las Palmas, Canary Islands *(June 22, 1976):* According to *ABC* (Seville edition) of June 26, hundreds of people on Grand Canary Island saw a UFO which landed on the north-western part of the island, at Galdar.

One witness described it as transparent, as high as a two-storeyed house, and circular in form. Inside it could be seen two figures, much

larger than humans, which were apparently looking at a control panel.

The time was about 10.00 p.m., June 22. Two of the witnesses (and the object was seen by many people from many directions) were a taxi-driver and his clients, a doctor and one other person, who were hurrying to visit a sick man. They had an astonishing view of the UFO for they saw it, standing on the ground, not more than ten metres from their car.

Several residents of El Hornillo, near Galdar, who also saw the UFO, said it remained on the ground for twenty minutes.

(See a previous report – *Onion Phobia* – already published in World Round Up, about this same case, and stating that the UFO was subsequently found to have wrought havoc with a field of onions. G.C.)

The newspaper *ABC* (Sevilla edition) of June 27 has a slightly fuller account of the experience of the medical man, Dr. Julio Padrón León. This fuller version mentions that the doctor was immensely impressed by the "majestic appearance" of the beings in the UFO and the perfection of their linear curves. He said there was nothing sharp or angular about them, and that it was a sight beyond anything he had ever seen in his life. (Sic.) He also said that he and the driver and his companion had all felt a terrible *sensation of cold,* and that the taxicab's radio stopped working. The driver turned on his big head-lights, and then the UFO rose from the ground and took up position over a nearby house. He and his two passengers entered the house and, together with the people living there, they all watched the UFO from a window.

He said that when it rose it seemed to start getting bigger. He and his passengers all saw the two UFO occupants.

7. Portugalete, Bilbao, N. Spain *(July 4, 1976):* The newspaper *La Gaceta del Norte* (Bilbao) of July 14, 1976, reported that the new UFO wave over Northern Spain was now growing considerably, with numerous cases around Bilbao, Portugalete and Somorrostro.

On July 4 witnesses saw a gigantic half-moon-shaped UFO right above the Bilbao suburb of Recaldeberri and the nearby peak, Monte Arraiz. These three people (none of whom wished to give the paper his name) watched the UFO from the sixth floor of a house in the suburb of Zabala.

They said it was much bigger than the apparent size of the full Moon and that it gave out a very powerful yellowish light. They watched it for more than five minutes. Twice it moved away and then returned to take up its position above the houses or above the slopes of Monte Arraiz. It made no noise that they could hear, and maintained an inclined position.

The time was 12.45 a.m.

On the following night (Monday/Tuesday, July 5/6), people living at Portugalete, just outside Bilbao and to the West, also reported a tremendous UFO. This was at 1.40 a.m. These observers watched it from the tenth floor of a house on Calle Carlos VII, *near the local cemetery.*

They described the UFO as red "...and bigger than the full Moon." It was to the north of Portugalete, as though it had just emerged from the sea. They watched it move upwards and then downwards once or twice, and then vanish very slowly towards the south. It seemed oval, with a sort of orange-yellowish periphery.

At about 2.30 a.m. during the same night it or a similar object was again seen, this time over La Reineta area. Watchers saw it perform four right-angle turns without pausing in its flight.

On July 13 one of the staff of the *Gaceta del Norte* photographed the same UFO, or a similar one, at a great height over Portugalete, at 10.20 p.m. It was stationary, bigger in apparent size than any star, and yellowish-orange in colour. The reporter took various pictures of it, in both black and white and colour, using telephoto lens and tripod. The UFO was motionless for about one hour.

8. Estas, Tomiño, Pontevedra, N.W. Spain *(July 1976):* The Madrid magazine *El Caso* of July 17, 1976, carries the strange affair (although not reported as a UFO case this is, perhaps, not so enigmatic to FSR readers) of a two-year-old boy, Hector González Portas. The child had been put to bed by his mother, Sra. Dulce Portas, who then went to another part of the house to chat with her mother. When she returned to the bedroom of little Hector, he was gone. After a vain search of the house and neighbourhood, the Guardia Civil were notified.

Eleven hours later, during the same night, the boy was found up in the mountains at a spot eight kilometres from his home. A doctor who examined him declared that the child definitely had not walked there. The boy had scratches on his arms and legs, and these were thought to point to a kidnapping.

When the mother had put the boy to bed, she had taken off his sandals and placed them under the bed. When found, he had the sandals on. But the child had not yet learned how to put them on unaided. His father, Martín González González, who is employed in the El Ferrol shipyards, expressed the opinion that the child had been taken as a reprisal by somebody who had a grudge against him – the father.

9. Bilbao, Northern Spain *(August 4, 1976):* According to a Bilbao report in the newspaper *ABC* (Sevilla edition) for August 5, a ten-year-old boy, Lorenzo Alvarez Vázquez, claimed to have seen two small extraterrestrial beings about 1.20 or 1.30 metres in height. The sighting was in the Bilbao suburb of Bulla.

The boy said their eyes and noses were green and they were wearing silvery clothing. He said they did not address him but merely shone a light on him. He said they were standing beside a motorcycle. He said he watched them for about five minutes.

The boy told several local residents about it, but when the latter went to the spot they saw no beings, despite the fact that the boy maintained that one of the beings *was* still there, *and that he could see him.* One of the local men pointed a sporting gun in the direction of the motorcycle, and the boy then announced that the "Spaceman" had taken refuge elsewhere – behind a car.

10. La Palma del Condado, Huelva Province, S. Spain *(July 30, 1976):* The newspaper *ABC* (Sevilla edition) of August 6, 1976, contains a letter signed by a Sr. Juan Jaren Romero who claimed that on July 30 he and a party of friends and relatives had observed a vivid silvery, luminous object in the sky. Examining it more closely with binoculars, they established that it was spindle-shaped. Then a second, much smaller object, emerged from the rear part of the spindle. This smaller object was quicker in its movements and less bright. Another small object appeared soon afterwards.

After the Sun had set, the larger object remained visible in the sky, though now seemingly smaller. Then it turned to a red colour, and less than fifteen minutes later it suddenly vanished from sight.

The UFO had been under observation for 75 minutes.

11. Huelva, S.W. Spain *(July 30, 1976):* An extremely bright spherical object was seen at 6.00 p.m. stationary at a great height above the town of Cumbres de Mayores near Huelva. It remained there for an hour and then moved off towards the N.W.

The phenomenon aroused great interest amid the population, most of whom had no doubt that it was a UFO.

12. Real de la Jara, Province of Sevilla. *(August 15, 1976):* At 3.00 a.m. on August 15, occupants of some twenty cars proceeding along the highway from El Real de la Jara towards the nearby Sierra observed an object in

space, apparently at a distance of some five kilometres or so. All the drivers stopped to observe it. Pablo Garcia García, driver of a taxi, which was first of the vehicles (he had his wife and children with him) got out and began walking towards the UFO, which had no visible shape but was merely intensely bright. Then he came back and started flashing his headlights at the UFO, upon which the UFO began to approach the taxi. García's family and all the rest of the occupants of the twenty or so cars at once begged García to desist from his signalling, which he did, and he and the other drivers lit out and left the scene at speeds which were described as "more than regular."

On the early morning of the day before (Saturday, August 14) a similar object had been seen flying around over El Real de la Jara, observed by large numbers of people as there were big crowds taking part in the celebration of a festival.

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England

PC spots cigar-shaped object over Leicestershire

From the *Leicester Advertiser* of November 19, 1976, we take the following item,—

"A former Lutterworth policeman and his wife believe they have seen an unexplained object in the skies of South West Leicestershire.

"At 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2 Constable Bryan McCann and his wife were travelling along the Rugby Road out of Lutterworth at the time of the sighting. It was a clear night and they could see something shining brightly in the sky from about a mile away.

"As Mr. McCann took the turn-off to Swinford over the M1 he could see the light below a layer of constant cloud. The moon was partly obscured by the cloud and he looked to see if the light was hanging over any particular area of the countryside — but it was stationary, over a position between Walcote and Swinford.

" 'It was perhaps 400 yards away which is a very little distance for something in the sky,' he said. 'It was cigar-shaped and quite a size, with four brilliant lights. It hovered in the air completely stationary and we watched it for about four minutes,' said Mr. McCann.

" 'I dashed home to get my binoculars but when I returned there was nothing there,' he said.

"Mr. McCann suggested it could have been an aeroplane or a helicopter but surely he would have heard the engines and why would it have had such bright lights?

"Mr. McCann rang the Bitteswell Air Control to report his sighting.

"He discovered that one of the controllers had been driving home along the Rugby Road the same night, and had seen the bright light in the area. But he had not been able to identify it. So one thing is for certain — it was not a figment of Mr. McCann's or his wife's imagination."

Credit: **Ken Phillips** of BUFORA.

Arabian Sea

On-the-sea-spot

An item from UPI in the British national newspaper *The Daily Telegraph* of October 30, 1976, told how "An Unidentified Marine Object — a white spot in the Arabian Sea — is reported in Moscow to have circled a research vessel for half an hour, then vanished. At the time, an 'unknown mass' was detected 20 yards below the ship's keel.

Australia

Car pacing at Dargo

It is regretted that during printing of FSR Vol.22, No.3 the final words of the item under the above heading were lost. Here they are:—

"(...it was about 20) metres away, at an altitude of 10 metres."

UFO and Light in Tasmania

From the *Saturday Evening Mercury* (Hobart) of March 29, 1975, comes these extracts of a detailed account by Mac Moult of a spectacular UFO sighting,—"...A chap I met yesterday...made what must have been one of the best UFO sightings in Tasmania.

"Fortunately there were other people who saw the same thing, but more about them later.

"Our friend — we'll call him Smith because he asked not to be named — has been stewing over what he saw since February 26. [1975.]

"Finally, his friends convinced him he should contact the Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Centre, and that's where I met him during an interview with TUFOIC's investigator, Ken Bennetto.

"We talked to him for a couple of hours, but before we go into details there are one or two points I feel I should make about Smith.

"He was a tail gunner in the RAAF which puts him in the mature class. He was, and still is, very observant, which is the reason he lived long enough to be able to say he was a rear gunner. (During World War II, rear gunners had a life expectancy of 48 hours.)

"He is a professional man, comfortably off — house, boat, European car, and he has both feet firmly on the ground.

"There is one thing that sets Smith apart from many people who have seen UFOs. He is a competent artist.

Thus, we have a man with an eye for detail, plus a skill which was honed during the war to observe airborne vehicles.

"On February 26, Smith was at Lake Sorell with his companion, who incidentally is a commercial artist. They were camped at Shepherd's Shore, looking forward to a week's angling. It was 8.45 p.m., and there was some daylight left.

"Smith, out of the corner of his eye, noticed three things in the sky. His first thought was that they were 'aircraft or something.'

"It was not long before he saw them again through the broken cloud, and realised they could not be aircraft. They were flying in from the north-east. There appeared to be two big units, and a smaller unit. 'It seemed most unusual,' he said.

"He lost sight of them for a few minutes, then picked up two of them as they travelled south-west towards Lake Sorell. They stopped over Dogs Head Pt., and were lost to view in broken cloud. They were then seen going towards Mt. Penny.

"Smith did not realise it, but he was to get the shock of his life. Underneath each craft was a red pulsating light set in the centre, with other red to orange lights running around the corona.

"The UFOs stood out clearly. Then one of them moved...

"It came out of the broken cloud straight towards him. 'It was about 2½ miles away when we saw it move — and then it was right there only 1,000 yards away, and 500ft. above the lake,' he said.

"Smith is quite definite that there is no time factor that can be applied to the time it took the craft to cover the two miles. 'It was less than a second — it was 2½ miles away, and then it was only yards away — I've never seen anything like it.'

"Smith said if he had not seen it himself he would not have believed a craft could have such performance. He said he felt apprehensive: 'I thought something cataclysmic was going to happen,' he said.

"Smith said the craft was nothing less than 200ft. in diameter: 'It was fantastic,' he added.

"During the next few minutes the UFO turned on a monstrous light which was directed downwards towards the lake. The light was about half the diameter of the UFO, and the shaft of the light was well defined. It came from one side of the underneath of the UFO. The light was so intense it hurt the eyes: 'I would say it was similar to the light you get from a welding torch,' Smith said.

"Smith took careful sightings on hills in the area which he knows intimately. The spill of light from around the main shaft illuminated a distance of 1½ miles around the lake.

"The beam of light was swung back and forth in an arc: 'It seemed like a careful search of the Robinson's Swamp area, and I have no doubt that that beam of light was intelligently controlled,' Smith said.

"Smith had a big tent set up on

the lakeside, together with cover for the car. The car's radio was being used because a portable radio he had was not strong enough to pick up radio stations. When the UFO flew close to the camp site, the car radio emitted a loud 'intense staticky noise.'

"Still watching the action, Smith traversed the radio dial across the whole band, but he could not pick up one radio station: 'There was just the constant static,' he said.

"After its inspection of the area, the UFO put out its gigantic light beam. A blue-white phosphorescence was left hanging about 30ft. above the lake. Smith said once the main light had dulled, the shape of the UFO was in good definition.

"The UFO 'departed in a flash.' It travelled at phenomenal speed, and Smith said its path away from him through the night sky – together with the sister UFO which had been waiting near Mt. Penny – was like watching a tracer bullet going away from you. It was then 9.30 p.m. Smith, and his companion had been treated to 45 minutes.

"Smith, and his friend made sketches of what they had seen, and notes of all their observations. 'We kept going over it to make sure we had all the details right – it was unbelievable,' he said.

"The next day, they met some anglers who had seen the UFO light up the sky. The anglers had been camped one mile away at Silver Plains. 'They told me they were in their tent and all of a sudden the tent was lit up inside like daylight,' he said.

"Other people at the end of Silver Plains also saw the same thing.

"Mr. Bennetto has appealed to the anglers, and any other people who saw the UFOs, to get in touch with him.

"Smith's report, along with other UFO reports, will go to the Australian UFO centre, and thence to Prof. Alan J. Hynek [*sic*] in the USA.

"Anybody making a UFO sighting is asked to immediately contact Mr. K. Bennetto on 28 5248. A radar check can be made of aerial vehicles within a 300 mile range of Hobart."

Acknowledgements to TUFOIC, **Judy Magee** and **Paul Norman** who all sent copies of this report.

Ecuador

Conical UFOs over Quito

Here is an item taken from the Caracas, Venezuela newspaper *El Nacional* of August 12, 1976, about an event which caused alarm in the capital of Ecuador,–"Dozens of UFOs with red, yellow and green auras were observed here last night and early this morning, causing alarm to the residents.

"The form of the strange objects was described as conical by Luis Castillo, owner of a gas station located in the centre of the city. He reported that there were some 20 of these objects which appeared and remained some seconds in the sky, only to disappear at great speed.

"The Air Force confirmed today that no night flight was made, and discounted the possibility of military or commercial planes.

"Last night and this morning, newspaper offices and radio stations were flooded by telephone calls from hundreds of people who claimed having been witness to a real invasion from space by strange ships.

"Newspaper files indicate that in 8 years no such phenomenon was seen in Equadorian skies.

"The objects observed were more than 20, according to José Iturralde, employee of an aviation company here. He was taken by surprise when a powerful luminosity approached a highway leading to this city. The company employee who was travelling in his car at 9.00 p.m., first thought that it was an aircraft in emergency. He said the object emitted light beams or flashes as it approached, eventually changing course and heading toward the Cotopaxi volcano to the west of the capital. The same witness stated that a great number of the strange objects could be observed, more than 50, but could determine neither their form nor colour. 'It was something surprising and which caused us anguish. I can't remember the colour of those flashes,' said Iturralde to the reporters who interviewed him.

"Laura Proano, 50 years of age, declared that she had attended a religious gathering to say the Rosary. On leaving the chapel, about 9.00 p.m., all the members of the group numbering about 200, clearly saw some 10 objects of strange form, radiating auras and leaving green, red and yellow wakes."

Credit: **Mike Da Silva**, FSR representative in Caracas, who kindly provided the translation.

Italy

UFO entity photographed at La Spezia?

From the London Sunday newspaper *The People* of September 12, 1976, we learn of a weird claim regarding a "Space invader". Perhaps our Italian friends can tell us more about this, for it sounds a little "fishy."

"Police are hunting a 'creature from outer space' after a group of amateur UFO spotters claimed that they had photographed a monkey-like being in a space-suit walking from a flying saucer.

"The local Police chief, at La Spezia, north of Rome, said: 'We're treating the report seriously.'

"The spotters, from a research group on unidentified flying objects, claim that the creature was 4 ft. tall, wearing a dark leather overall and a white helmet.

Norway

Aerial & ground observations of huge UFO

The following is a free translation of an item which appeared in the newspaper *V.G.* (no date is given by the sender) of which we have a photocopy –

"An acute UFO-fever has infected Troendelag. A shining object the size of "the express coastal steamer," as a man from Troendelag expressed it, was seen over large areas of the district on August 25. The observations were made by SAS and Braathen pilots at 25000 feet altitude, in addition to a couple of hundred persons each with both feet firmly on the ground.

" 'I was driving together with some friends,' Nils Boerresen from Verdal said 'when we suddenly sighted this enormous *airship* at great altitude. We watched it for a long while and then, suddenly, the object divided. One part flew rapidly towards the ground, while the larger part continued northwards and disappeared beyond the horizon.

"The object was observed from Stoeren in the South, and Steinkjer in the North, and numbers of persons have seen something which resembled an intense explosion, in connection with the 'air ship.'

"The pilots who made the observations have reported to Oerlandet and Vaernes airports that the object moved far higher than their own altitude, which was about 25000 feet.

The phenomenon was also seen from the air control in the Swedish town Sundsvall.

" 'I can only confirm the reports,' states operation-group chief Lieutenant-Colonel Tore Engh at Oerlandet airport.

'Now, UFOs are not my cup of tea, but I can't find any other explanation that it must have been a satellite or a part of a rocket, which has entered our atmosphere, and later divided and been burnt,' he stated.

Credit: **Arthur M. Hansson** of Oslo, who thoughtfully provided the translation, and adds that Troendelag is in the Troudheim area.

Portugal

Another UFO/jet airliner incident

Close on the heels of the British Airways *Trident* and *TriStar*, Portuguese Airlines and Faro control incident reported in FSR Vol.22, No.4, comes a new albeit brief report, gleaned from the *Yorkshire Post* of September 24, 1976 –

"A Boeing 707 pilot nearly collided

with an unidentified flying object last Sunday [Sept. 19, 1976] shortly after takeoff from Lisbon according to a newspaper report. The object, described as oval and a bright, glowing blue with a horizontal row of red and white lights, was also seen by an air traffic controller at Lisbon Airport who said that it did not show up on radar."

Credit: **Olga Atherton** of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

South Africa

Air correspondent's sighting

The Air Correspondent of the Cape Town evening newspaper *The Argus* wrote in the June 22, 1976, edition of the paper that –

"Several early risers were puzzled today by a long cigar-shaped flying object which glowed eerily as it streaked across the Peninsula from north to south.

"The South African Air Force had no aircraft flying at that time, nor did South African Airways. As far as could be established there were no movements from D.F. Malan Airport before 7 a.m. when the early-morning flight took off for Johannesburg.

"The strange object was seen about 6.20.

" 'We've had several calls about it, but we can't offer an explanation,' an air force officer said.

"A spokesman for the Royal Observatory said they had had no reports of a strange object. 'We certainly didn't see anything, and our observatory at Sutherland didn't report anything unusual." he said.

"I saw this apparition at 6.23 a.m. while being driven to work by *Argus* driver Mr. Salie Hamer.

We were driving on Blouberg Road. When we stopped at the intersection with Koeberg Road, we spotted it.

"It was flying low and relatively slowly from north to south on a heading which would take it between D.F. Malan Airport and the Ysterplaat Air Base, roughly in the direction of Simonstown.

"It glowed in a silvery-white haze and was much longer than an average aircraft. It appeared to have several little lights, almost like passenger cubicles. We heard no noise from it.

"We watched it for about 20 seconds, then it disappeared."

Credit: **E.R. Pitlo** of Somerset West, Cape Province.

Spain

UFO follows car near Albacete

In the *Diario Ya* of November 10, 1976, we read how,–"An unusual happening, which has caused much comment, occurred on the National Highway Badajoz-Valencia, between Barrax and Albacete, when, in the first hours of the night, the farmer Martinez Sánchez was returning from the farm of "Blancares," accompanied by one of his nine daughters, the young Purificacion-Dolores.

"According to Sr. Martinez Sánchez, they started by seeing a strange object, which was very dark, with sparkling lights around it. This was flying very low and seemed to cut its path through the sky. He stopped his car, turned off the lights and got out, when seeing that the object had also stopped. Then his daughter, becoming frightened, said to him: 'Get on, father and let's go home; that frog is going to catch you!'

"He confessed that he himself started to get alarmed in this peculiar situation, and asked the girl if she wanted to go home to the village and she answered: 'No! if we go to the village with Mummy we will be scared.'

"Sr. Sánchez continued his journey, and the strange object also started up again. To test its movements Sr. Sánchez would slow down and the object would also slow down. Keeping always to a height of ten to twelve metres, it followed them for the remaining eight or nine kilometres to Barrax. The father and the daughter, then noticed that while approaching the Tajo-Segura canal the UFO started to ascend, reaching considerable height by the time they were at the village.

"When witnesses were asked for the characteristics of the object, Sr. Sánchez said it measured some five metres, was round and did not make any noise at all. He could not see any occupants. The UFO was surrounded by a chain, or bars, in which were located the lights, a very brilliant one, alternating with some that were strong while others were constant.

"He confesses that it even produced terror in him, especially because he had the girl with him. The comment that went around afterwards was that thanks to her they did not do anything rash.

Credit: to **"Edwin"** [*whose surname I fear I cannot read (and who failed to give his address in Madrid) so perhaps he will write to me. Anyway, thank you, Edwin, for the translation on which I based this item* –EDITOR]

Sweden

UFO and light: boy burned

This interesting item appeared in the British national newspaper *The Sunday Express* of December 12, 1976, under the signature of correspondent **Terry Greenwood.** The headline asked: "Was this boy burned by a flying saucer?"

"Reports of two mysterious balls of light which appeared in the sky over Sweden are baffling the authorities.

"The riddle began with a report from Finnish schoolboy Eero Lammi who claimed he had been knocked down by a 'beam of light.' He was on his way home to Uleaborg, on the Finnish side of the Swedish frontier, when he saw a ball of light move across the border to land in a nearby field.

" 'I went to look at it,' he said, 'but suddenly, a ray of light seemed to beam out from it, and I felt a searing pain in my chest and everything went black.'

"Even his parents thought it was a prank until a doctor found the boy had slight burns on his chest ... and back.

"At the Swedish Military High Command, which investigates all reports of UFO sightings, Colonel Bertil Eriksson, said: 'We do not know how it happened. We have been unable to trace anybody else in the area who saw anything unusual on that day.' The second report came from a university student who was out bird-watching near Tiveden, 400 miles south of the border.

"His description of the object tallied exactly with the measurements given by the Finnish youth. 'It was about five metres in width and looked like a moving ball of light.'

"Mr. Sture Wickerts, UFO expert and research chief at the headquarters of the Swedish Defence Intelligence Organisation said: 'The student's name is not being released at the moment. He is a technical student and was very precise with his description. He was using binoculars and suddenly spotted a *round object with pulsating lights* lift into the air.

" 'He was able to detect that the object was coloured black and grey and he heard a strong throbbing noise which lasted about ten seconds. He even estimates that the frequency of the noise was about three hertz.

" 'We have carried out a thorough investigation. But, like the case of the Finnish youth, we have drawn a complete blank.'

"Was it a hoax? Or was the young man's imagination playing him tricks?

" 'We don't know,' said Mr. Wickerts. 'All I can say is that I do not believe, for one moment, that this young man would make up such a story.' "

[*Thanks to the numerous readers who picked this one up!* – ED.]

United States of America

Mount Pleasant UFO near car

From an item in the Oak Creek *Pictorial* of September 15, 1976 we learn how–"A recent convert to a belief in unidentified flying objects (UFOs) is Joann Sawicki, 18, of 10516 Caddy Lane.

"After she and a friend, Mitchel Haas, 18, Mount Pleasant, sighted a cigar-shaped flying object last Thursday, she said, 'I do believe in them now and my family and my boyfriend's family do, too.'

"Miss Sawicki said she and Haas were sitting in a car on a dirt road near the Civil Air Patrol building on highway 20 and West Road in Mount Pleasant about 8.30 p.m. last Thursday when the UFO first appeared. It came around the car and went past in the direction of Mitchell field, she said.

"The gray cigar-shaped object had flashing blue lights on something like a rack, Miss Sawicki said, with a red light on what she took to be the front end and a white light on the back. The craft had no windows and no propeller, she said.

"She said when it returned, her first reaction was one of curiosity to see how low it would go and what it would do. She said the blue lights were so bright they were almost blinding. The craft was travelling slowly when it was near the car but moved fast when it went in the direction of Mitchell field, she said.

"When the craft went behind the car and started to lower itself to the ground, she said she 'got scared' and they did not wait until it landed but took off in the car. Haas reported the incident to the Racine county sheriff's department. Miss Sawicki said she was surprised no one else reported seeing it because there are houses in the vicinity.

"The UFO was possibly 200 feet from the ground, Miss Sawicki estimated, when they drove off. She said she would like to see if it actually landed but was afraid to go back."

Credit: **Richard W. Heiden** who points out that in a report carried by the Racine *Journal-Times* of September 10, 1976, the UFO was stated to have been hovering 200 *yards* above the ground.

UFO close-down over car

The following agency report (AP from Pontiac, Michigan) was carried in the Marinette *Eagle Star* of August 19, 1976,—"Something big and shiny almost landed on Beth Hamblin's car. She doesn't know what it was, but she's positive she saw it.

"Her husband believes her. And even police say her story 'sounded credible,' because there were at least five similar sightings of a strange object hovering over Pontiac Tuesday night.

"The 18-year-old Mrs. Hamblin said she was driving alone on an unlit residential street on Pontiac's west side when the strange object appeared.

" 'Suddenly I saw a big, metallic object at eye level hovering right over the hood of my car,' she said. 'I got so scared I nearly ran off the street.'

"She described the object as 30 feet wide and 25 feet high, and stretched 'clear across the road.

" 'I stopped and sat there staring. It had bright lights all around it, and they were so bright they almost blinded me. It seemed to just hover there for about five minutes. It didn't made a sound.

" 'Then,' she said, 'it suddenly started up and moved ahead of me. The bright lights went off and a red flashing taillight came on. Then it disappeared.'

"She went home and told her husband, who called the State Police.

"Sgt. William Chatfield of the Pontiac State Police post said he began getting calls from Pontiac residents who had sighted such an object around 9.30 Tuesday night. All of the callers, he said, described an object similar to that seen by Mrs. Hamblin.

"But he said Mrs. Hamblin was the only caller who said she got a close look at the object.

"Trooper James Beebler, one of the officers dispatched to investigate the sightings, could only say, 'It beats me.' "

Credit: **Richard W. Heiden** of Wilwaukee, Wisconsin.

UFO landing and "green men"

From the Fond du Lac (Wisconsin) *Reporter* of Tuesday, August 10, 1976 comes the following account under the signature of Staff Writer Mary Sondergard. Malone is just N.E. of Fond du Lac.

"An unidentified flying object landed on a Malone farm Saturday night and two green men were seen briefly before they disappeared, according to a 15-year-old Malone youth.

"Mark Ziegelbauer of Route 1, Malone, said he saw the green men after the object landed on a neighbour's farm.

"The 'saucer' was first spotted by his father Orville who was working outside on the Ziegelbauer farm around 10 p.m.

"The elder Ziegelbauer called to his son, and both saw the multi-coloured lights which Mark said were 'kind of low' and 'kind of big.' He said the lights were 'going around' as it went past the Ziegelbauer's new silo and landed in a hayfield out of view.

"Mark said he drove over to the area where the object had landed and saw the two green men when he shone the car's bright headlights. He dimmed the lights as the two men put their hands up, he said, and 'disappeared somehow' in front of his eyes. Mark did not see the grounded flying saucer, he said.

"One of the two men was slightly bigger than Mark, who is 5 feet 7 inches tall, he said. The other was smaller. We was so 'scared' he did not notice anything particular about their features, he said.

"The object, which was about the size of a 'small camper-trailer,' Mark said, was not seen when it left by Mark or his father. Mark said they both have seen almost the same thing, minus the green men, once before...

"Mik Thompson, 17, of rural Campbellsport, reported Monday that he saw an unidentified flying object in the Dotyville area about 9 p.m. Saturday, an hour before the Ziegelbauer's sighting.

Thompson said it looked like a big meteor, but added he was positive it was not. He said he saw the UFO as he was driving with a friend along County Trunk W near County Trunk B south of Dotyville."

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UFO causes Tidal Waves *(Continued from page 5)*
the effect produced on the surface of the sea by a stationary helicopter hovering very low. This too produces a sort of trough, but it is so shallow that it is difficult to attribute much depth to it; in any event, it is a trough that has nothing in common with what Monsieur A.W. has described. We can consequently probably set aside any hypothesis that the trough or basin reported by him could have been produced by the action of a vertical blast of air directed downwards analogous to what is produced beneath a helicopter.

Although A.W. says he heard a whistling noise, he detected no sound of an air blast, and nothing that might point to the presence of a powerful atmospheric disturbance. Nor does he speak of noticing any formation of spray, of any cloud or water droplets, near the area where the UFO was hovering. We may consequently be inclined to think that the surface of the sea was in fact hollowed out in this fashion by a force field emanating from the object rather than by any blast of air. It is difficult for us to visualize how a hollow area, several metres deep, could be formed simply "by blowing on it" without a cloud of spray being produced.

One thing however is certain: the surface of the trough or basin was not fixed, but, on the contrary, it was actuated by powerful waves travelling outwards from its centre and propagating themselves to as far as the beach. These waves led A.W.'s Togolese lady friend to remark that she had never before seen the sea so disturbed.

Was the surge of water up the beach while the UFO was stationary directly caused by this trough beneath the object? A.W. noticed no swell on the surface of the sea itself around the trough. What then had become of the 3,400 or so cubic metres of water represented by the volume of the trough? We can suppose that they are the cause of the surge of water up the beach, a surge that remained constant throughout the period that the UFO was stationary there over the sea.

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